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Shuffle now or kill the rumours, Major urged

■ Normal government is in danger of paralysis as Westminster talks about nothing but a reshuffle which Downing Street will neither confirm nor deny

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major was urged by senior ministers last night to carry out a speedy reshuffle of his government or kill the fevered speculation that is dominating Westminster.

For the third day running, the prime minister declined to stamp on rumours that he is about to shake up the cabinet and move Norman Lamont from the Treasury. Ministers privately complained that the government was in danger of being paralysed by the uncertainty. "Everyone has gone berserk," a government source said.

Senior cabinet ministers going about their normal routines yesterday found themselves dogged by questions about their future, and Mr Lamont's friends were angry that he had been left to "twist in the wind".

Mr Lamont was also said by business leaders at the CBI conference to appear angry, and he snapped when questioned by reporters. At first he brushed past journalists, insisting he had nothing to say, but a charge that he had passed his "sell-by date" provoked him. He suddenly whirled round and asked: "Why don't you concentrate on the issues instead of asking silly questions?"

Inside the conference, he declined to answer questions from industrialists, as the programme had promised, leaving them instead to Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury.

Mr Lamont is understood to have received no assurances from Mr Major about his future, and if he is moved, there is a growing feeling among Conservative MPs that John MacGregor has strengthened his case to succeed him. Mr MacGregor's abilities are highly regarded by the prime minister, and his stock has risen since his successful handling of the threatened backbench rebellion over rail privatisation. He also has experience of the Treasury as a former chief secretary.

Mr MacGregor, another of the speakers at the CBI conference, tried to play down the speculation, however, saying: "I have heard, over the years, speculation about reshuffles just as everybody speculates about the Chancellor's Budget. It's a great media game."

Other ministers, who understand Mr Major's reluctance to react to every piece of reshuffle gossip, said that the speculation had become so intense that he should either rule out changes for the time being or press ahead with a reconstruction before leaving for Paris tonight.

They fear that the normal process of government, such as yesterday's announcements about motorway tolls and science policy, are being overshadowed by doubts over how long ministers will remain in place. One senior Tory said: "This cannot be allowed to go on. What do we look like? Let's get it over."

Along with Mr MacGregor, the leading candidates to become Chancellor are Kenneth Clarke, Michael Howard, Michael Portillo and Sir Norman Fowler.

Senior Tories also believe Mr Major will move John Patten from the education department after the row over school testing. Possible successors are Gillian Shephard and David Hunt. If Mr Major carries out an extensive reshuffle, other ministers under threat are thought to be John Gummer, William Waldegrave and Peter Brooke.

Mr Dorrell, Lady Blatch, John Redwood and Jonathan Aitken are being tipped to join the cabinet.

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SIMON WALKER



Present tense: Norman Lamont, refusing to answer "silly questions" outside the CBI conference yesterday

MacGregor and Lamont jockey for position on M-way sell-off

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, TIM JONES AND PHILIP BASSETT

NORMAN Lamont and John MacGregor, the transport secretary, were at odds last night over the future of the country's motorway network as jockeying for position within the cabinet intensified against the background of renewed speculation about the Chancellor's future.

The split emerged after the transport secretary launched a discussion paper suggesting a toll of 1.5p a mile for cars using the motorway network and the franchising out to private firms of responsibility for collecting charges and maintaining and improving carriageways.

Mr MacGregor, who is fearful of provoking another backlash so soon after narrowly heading off the rail revolt, sought to play down fears that the government is embarking on another hazardous privatisation project. But his cautious words about possibly handing control of the motorway network to a Next Steps agency — at arm's length from Whitehall but within the public sector — were upstaged by a far more radical prescription from Mr Lamont.

Speaking at a CBI conference on private finance in London, Mr Lamont indicated that charging motorists was a staging post towards selling off the motorways to private companies. In remarks widely seen as confirming the existence of a hidden government agenda and undermining Mr MacGregor's efforts to soften opposition, Mr Lamont said: "If charges were introduced, that could ultimately pave the way for what I regard as the end of the exercise — the privatisation of large parts of the motorway network."

Mr Lamont's remarks, which were even more bullish than those in his prepared text, caused dismay among Mr MacGregor's supporters. One senior Tory said last night: "It is the last throw of a desperate man."

Downing Street officials also emphasised that, as Mr Lamont has said in his speech, no decisions had been taken. But as *The Times* disclosed in November, the Treasury has been studying proposals for selling off the motorways for some time while the transport department has been pursuing a more cautious strategy.

Last night MPs were debating the Chancellor's motives. They wondered whether his remarks were an attempt to spike the guns of a potential rival for the chancellorship in Mr MacGregor or an appeal to his dwindling band of supporters, most of whom are on the right of the party.

Asked if the Chancellor meant selling off the motorways, the Treasury said: "Yes, that is the implication. Sometimes there are other ways of involving the private sector, such as franchising, but is it really going to work?"

But some MPs said that Mr Lamont had gone too far. One leading backbencher said: "Lamont's misread the situation, not for the first time, because colleagues are wary of the motorway tolling idea, even those on the right."

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said the scheme was "a Treasury policy, not a transport policy". He added: "It is another poll tax on wheels, a tax, an incompetence tax, a crisis tax."

Motoring organisations and road lobby groups also expressed reservations on the proposals. A Freight Transport Association spokeswoman said road hauliers would only consider paying if every penny collected was seen to go on road improvements.

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Lloyd's threat to 13 Tory seats

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK AND JONATHAN PRYNN

AT LEAST 13 Tory MPs, enough to threaten the government's majority in Parliament, are facing financial difficulties and possible eventual bankruptcy because of their losses as names in the Lloyd's of London insurance market, a name and former Tory MP claimed yesterday.

An MP who is declared a bankrupt is immediately disqualified from sitting or voting in the Commons, and loses the seat after six months.

Paul Marland, MP for Gloucestershire West, who is himself facing huge Lloyd's losses, admitted last night that the fiasco would be a disaster for the Conservative party.

The three-year crisis at Lloyd's is known to have caused personal financial problems for many of the 50 or so Tory MPs who are names. The prospect of backbenchers going bankrupt would send a shiver through the government Whips' Office, which is trying to protect a fragile majority of 18.

A handful of Tory MPs are refusing to pay their losses and could soon face legal proceedings. Some of the names, who have unlimited liability on losses, have already been made bankrupt by Lloyd's of London, and Peter Middleton, the chief executive, this week ruled out preferential treatment for MP names: "No names are going to get different treatment because of status, political or otherwise."

Tom Benyon, director of the Society of Names and a former Tory MP, claimed that at least 13 Tories could eventually be forced to resign because of bankruptcy or the need to turn to the commercial world to pay their debts. Other Lloyd's sources suggest the number could be as high as 20.

Mr Benyon said: "Losses for 1991 are expected to be far more than £1 billion. If they don't get it in the neck now, they will six months from now, a year from now, two years from now. There is four years left of this government."

He added that several MPs were on the brink of calling on the hardship fund, an internal Lloyd's insolvency arrangement that would force them to sell their assets and live on a £14,000 annual allowance.

One MP name, who claimed he was not in trouble himself, said three colleagues were known not to have paid up. "Lloyd's has said, quite fairly, if they have got it they should pay up and if they do not, Lloyd's will issue writs."

Another Tory MP name said that those with the biggest losses were able to meet their liabilities quite easily, but "a few foolish chaps" with losses running to tens of thousands of pounds could be in difficulties. If so, they would be helped "very effectively and discreetly" by the party.

One Lloyd's source said 1990 losses among 20 Tory MPs were £10 million.

Palaces to be given fire protection

BY JACK CROSSLEY

URGENT fire protection measures for palaces — exposed by *The Times* as fire traps — were announced yesterday by Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary.

Mr Brooke pledged action after a government-commissioned enquiry recommended a comprehensive series of improvements in the wake of the £40 million blaze at Windsor Castle. The plans include installing automatic fire detection systems in palaces that do not have them.

The announcement has strengthened demands for an end to the immunity from prosecution enjoyed by Crown premises.

Terry Glossop, chief fire officer of Gwent and chairman of the Fire Officers Association's fire prevention committee, said: "We have always questioned the need for Crown immunity across the board, and in our evidence to the enquiry said that in the past there has been insufficient regard for fire safety in these royal residences.

"There is a need to develop a fire safety culture, which we feel is lacking. We welcome the report and are very pleased that the relevance of what we had to say is being recognised."

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Carey says good can come from divorce

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said yesterday that divorce may not be a bad thing, though he insisted he was not reversing the traditional church stance that marriage is for life.

He said: "I have ministered to people in such distressing circumstances, and when a divorce has happened it actually has led to renewal and new relationships. So I am not among those who say, 'Divorce is bad', full stop. We have to look at the whole context of a relationship."

The eldest of the archbishop's four children, Rachel, divorced in 1988 and is now happily remarried. Her younger brother, Andrew, separated from his wife this year and is to be divorced.

Dr Carey, speaking to Jimmy Young on BBC Radio 2, said the figure of one in three marriages ending in divorce was an enormous statistic, but he added: "As many people know, my wife and I have been caught up in this because we have children of our own who have suffered from that. Sometimes, though, a divorce may not be a bad thing. It may lead to better relationships. So we have got to look at this more positively."

He said he would like to turn the statistic on its head. "Two in three survive, endure. How can we build on that stable foundation? I think what we need to do is again return to fundamentals. When the priest or minister goes over those familiar words, 'til death us do part', we mean it. We don't say 'until I actually get fed up with you' or 'until the next argument'."

He conceded that the church's official view remained that marriage was for life. "God's ideal and the church's ideal are to say when you get married you are married in a lifelong relationship. But you and I know the reality of life, that people rush into ill-considered relationships."

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Patten's poll says parents support tests

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, yesterday launched a late offensive in the propaganda war over school tests this summer by releasing a poll showing support from most parents.

The attempt to rally opinion behind this summer's tests for seven, eleven and fourteen-year-olds came as the biggest of the three classroom unions claimed virtually all schools are struggling to implement them in the face of the teachers' boycott.

The telephone survey of 1,000 parents, commissioned by the education department, found 57 per cent supported testing this term as part of the national curriculum. Thirty-seven per cent were opposed, according to the poll conducted at the weekend by Bulmershe Research, a market research company.

The findings differ sharply from two more detailed polls by NOP and Gallup earlier this month. These showed strong backing among parents for the boycott and a widespread belief that the tests were too complicated and time-consuming.

The result of a ballot of eight million members of the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations, to be announced today , is also expected to highlight parental opposition.

Mr Patten said the results of the survey showed "strong support for this year's tests and the reforms that have been proposed for next year". Parents of school-age children were asked: "Do you support or are you against testing of children this year as part of the national curriculum?"

Opinion was divided on the importance of this year's tests going ahead as a means of identifying improvements for next year. At least 46 per cent rejected the government's prime argument against union disruption, while 43 per cent said it would be more difficult to make improvements without the experience of this year. Three-quarters of parents questioned supported Mr Patten's climbdown a fortnight ago to streamline next year's tests and concentrate on the basics of English, mathematics and science.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, dismissed the poll as a futile publicity stunt by a government desperate to shore up its dwindling credibility. He said the tests had been halted across England and Wales since the union joined the boycott 12 days ago.

Ann Taylor, Labour education spokeswoman, accused Mr Patten of clutching at straws. "Parents have rejected the use of their children as guinea pigs and no amount of polling commissioned by Mr Patten, paid for with taxpayers' money, will change that."

Britannia salutes heroes of Atlantic



Raising the flag: Britannia ploughs through heavy seas to review the fleet

Wild seas summon a tide of war memories

BY RONALD FAUX ON BOARD THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA

THE weather was perfect: winds gusting to violent storm force streaking the sea with spume and surging round the 33 warships and merchantmen anchored off Anglesey. Poor weather for organisers of a royal fleet review but perfect for the wartime Atlantic convoys that the fleet was commemorating.

Storms kept the wolf packs of German U-boats at bay during the Battle of the Atlantic, ensuring a safe passage for the convoys supplying Britain. The seas off Moelfre, where many of the wartime convoys and their escorts assembled, were reminiscent of the wild seas that they faced.

The Duke of Edinburgh with King Harald of Norway took the salute from the royal yacht, sailing between lines of vessels from 16 nations straining at anchor, their bows headed into the northeasterly gale. The wind tore holes in Britannia's white ensign and reduced the Duke of Edinburgh's standard to shreds, but war veterans recalled how they preferred foul weather that held the U-boats off.

The fleet had assembled the previous day and spent a rough night at anchor. The USS *Devastator*, a mines counter-measure ship, lost power and its anchor, and was forced to limp into shelter of the Mersey with her sister ship, the USS *Scout*. Smaller vessels, among them the British fast training ships *Biter*, *Puncher* and *Charger*, also headed for shelter.

The wind blowing off the land into St George's Channel whipped up deep-troughed waves. *Britannia* was led through the fleet by the Trinity House vessel *Mermaid*. Warship crews held on to guard-rails with one hand to steady themselves while they waved their hats with the other. Three cheers sounded in a dozen languages, the greeting drifting on the wind to *Britannia*, where the Duke and King Harald waved back.

HMS *Cornwall*, the fleet's flagship replacing Ark Royal, now serving in the Adriatic, fired two 21-gun salutes. The wind, which had blown several high-ranking hats into the waves, also wrecked the planned fly-past of a Spitfire, Hurricane, two Swordfish torpedo aircraft and a B-17 flying fortress. But modern military jets made their salute.

Lord Sterling of Plaistow, chairman of P&O, faced the storm in the shelter of a firmly planted bowler hat. It was, he said, a fine occasion with weather that was entirely appropriate.

In *Britannia's* wake the survey vessel *Bulldog* plunged on, often disappearing beneath a cloud of spray. Then followed the guardship HMS *Active* and a P&O ferry carrying veterans of the Atlantic battle. The review marked the start of five days of events, commemorating the weeks in May 1943 when the tide of war turned against Germany; the war dragged on with the loss of 120,000 lives, but on the grey waters of St George's Channel yesterday that crucial battle was remembered.

Last night, the Duke of Edinburgh complimented the ships and crews who took part. In a statement, he said: "The weather conditions could hardly have been worse, but they have had no effect on the smartness and turnout of the aircraft, and the ships and their companies taking part into the review.

"The presence of so many representatives of the wartime allies was a worthy tribute to the service and sacrifice of those who fought and won the Battle of the Atlantic 50 years ago. Splice the mainbrace. Philip."

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Warning: MPs can harm your health

Should government *health warnings* be attached to MPs? Blame the MPs themselves for this suggestion. They made it at environment questions yesterday.

Andrew Bennett (Lab, Denton & Reddish) had asked a question in good faith. It was about progress on "eco-labelling" — a scheme for tagging products according to their environmental friendliness. The minister had replied that this was going ahead for various products, including light bulbs and toilet paper. Not MPs? Liberal Democrat spokesman Simon Hughes broadened the discussion fatally when he rose and launched into a rant about threatened woodlands — which, he declared, were set for destruction, despite their eco-friendly labels, and . . .

Madam Speaker rugby-tackled Hughes, bringing his intervention crashing to the ground. "No!" she yelled. "Eco-labelling, not woods". Hughes retreated. But his thinking caught on. Phillip Oppenheim (C, Amber Valley) was wily enough to get it past the Chair. If, he asked, there was a group of people who, when in power, had chosen coal-fired power stations belching sulphur dioxide, rather than clean gas-fired ones, and had allowed water authorities to police themselves "and pollute our beaches. . ." Miss Boothroyd could see where this was going, and fidgeted angrily, but it was not *quite* out of order. Yet.

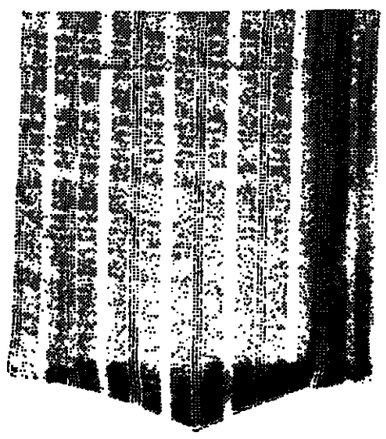
". . .Then shouldn't a *grubby* eco-label be placed on THE LABOUR PARTY!" he shouted — and sat down, triumphant that it was now too late to stop him. "Hear, hear!" roared exultant Tories. It's an arresting thought: the whole of the Principal Opposition with labels — "*grubby*" — round their necks. Oppenheim might have "*smug*" round his. And on yesterday's showing, environment secretary Michael Howard should have "*infectious*" round his, for he had the worst sore throat I've ever heard a minister bring to the dispatch box. Attempting to say "housing corporation" he rasped "housing", squeaked "corp", and virtually croaked on "oration". Poor Howard seemed beyond all help, until Labour's spokesman, Jack Straw (*half the calories of other spokesmen*) accused him of blatant vote-buying, which threw him into such a rage that he forgot his laryngitis and roared "nonsense." Then, remembering his voice had gone, he resumed croaking.

Eric Pickles (C, Brentwood & Ongar) rose like a harvest moon, chins aquiver. Your sketchwriter cannot remember what Mr Pickles said, for we were lost in speculation on what his eco-label should be. *High in polysaturated fats* would understate.

Soon, Glenda Jackson was on her feet, wanting to discuss the Acquired Rights Directive, the monstrous cruelty of the government, and Britain's role as "the sweatshop of Europe". Miss Jackson (*100% recycled actress*) is entirely free from artificial sweetening, colouring or flavour-enhancers. Minister of state John Redwood, bafflingly brainy, (*read instructions carefully*) replied.

Then up jumped Nicholas Winterton (C, Macclesfield). Mr Winterton is not environmentally friendly, not biodegradable and has not been tested on animals. He is also flammable, toxic, allergenic, radioactive, TV-active. . . His eco-label might also read *highly explosive*, but would best be summarised by a simple skull-and-crossbones. He fizzed alarmingly . . . but was skilfully defused by a minister called Robin Squire (*completely harmless, washable, re-usable, contains no wire or glass*).

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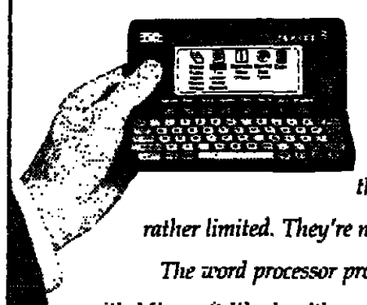
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Forty years on, peer gives maiden speech

A Conservative peer made his maiden speech to the Lords yesterday, 43 years after entering the House. The fourth Baron Trevor, 64, chose a debate on police management and structure to address the House, expressing his concern at the home secretary's plans to set up police authorities that may be dominated by government appointees.

Lord Trevor, a justice of the peace since 1959 and a chairman of Berwyn magistrates, spoke of his experience as a member of the North Wales Police Authority. He was congratulated on "breaking the ice" by Lord Allen of Abbeydale, who said: "I hope it won't be too long before we hear you again."

Harbour blockaded

Fishermen in seven vessels protesting at new government legislation to limit their days at sea are preventing a fisheries protection vessel leaving harbour in a blockade at Girvan on Strathclyde. The protest, which began on Tuesday and is expected to continue until today, is thought likely to trigger demonstrations throughout Scotland.

St Clair made bankrupt

The prostitutes' rights campaigner Lindi St Clair was made bankrupt by the Inland Revenue yesterday. Miss St Clair, of Charlton, east London, said the petition was for £112,000 out of a total £250,000 taxes the revenue claims she owes. "But the government can whistle up their dispatch boxes for it," she said. "They are not getting tuppence out of me."

Joiner on bomb charge

Damien Mulholland, 25, a joiner, yesterday appeared in court accused of the bombing that devastated the centre of Magherafelt, co. Londonderry, on Sunday night. Mr Mulholland, of Maghera, co. Tyrone, was remanded until June 11 by Belfast magistrates' court. Several people were arrested during police raids in co. Londonderry on Monday.

BBC efficiency costs £15m

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC's new efficiency drive will cost roughly £15 million in its first year of operation. The scheme, known as Producer Choice, was introduced on April 1 to cut overheads and aim more money into programme-making. A number of departments, or business units, expect to run up losses in the current financial year, as a result of the scheme.

The BBC admitted that there would be "deficits", but said that these had been budgeted for. "It is too early to judge the effectiveness of the system as we are still going through a transitional period. We expect most business units to break even very soon."

Although the deficit represents just 1 per cent of the BBC's annual licence-fee revenues, and will be relatively easily absorbed, the admission of its existence comes as an embarrassment to the BBC at a time when it is facing increasing internal criticism about Producer Choice. The system requires programme-makers to invite private sector companies to join BBC departments in tendering for all technical, creative and back-up services. Some producers fear that it will lead to a drain of talent into the private sector or that it will increase the administrative burden.

In a separate development, the BBC admitted yesterday that it has doubled the size of its special reserve fund for emergencies such as coverage of wars, disasters or big sporting events. The increase from £15 to £30 million will bring emergency funds from individual departments into a single, central "pot" to increase accountability.

CORRECTIONS

Simon Jenkins was a member of the British Rail Board from 1979 to 1990, and not, as reported yesterday, 1989-1990.

The British expert in Mycenaean antiquities quoted in our report yesterday was Mr John Betts.

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Burning jet crashes on motorway

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE two pilots of an executive jet which crashed onto a motorway and struck two cars walked away unhurt yesterday, together with the car drivers and a passenger. Police officers described their escape as "miraculous".

The twin-engine Citation 500 skidded out of control on a wet runway during a freak thunderstorm at Southampton-Eastleigh airport, Hampshire.

It burst into flames as it crashed through the perimeter fence and tumbled 30ft down a bank on to the M27, which was packed with commuter traffic.

After it struck the motorway the aircraft, which was arriving from Oxford, spun round to face the runway, covered in debris and tree branches.

Albert Thompson, 63, of Coxwell, Oxfordshire, a retired RAF squadron leader and Kamran Irani of Ramsden, near Oxford, were later treated for shock at Southampton General Hospital.

Roy Davis, 35, of Eastleigh, who was driving to work, suffered a broken pelvis. He said: "I saw a white Ford in front of me and the next thing I knew my car was on fire. I thought I'd crashed into the other car.

"I panicked and accidently switched on the automatic central locking. I managed to get out somehow, that's about all I remember."

Steve Huthwaite, 40, of Gosport, Hampshire, was treated for shock and the passenger in his car, Dale Antell, 31, also from Gosport, suffered a hand injury.

The crash came six days after a light aircraft crashed on the M2 in Kent when its engine failed after it had taken off from Rochester. It clipped a tourist coach before coming to rest on the hard shoulder of the motorway.

Flights in and out of Eastleigh were delayed for more than an hour. Paul Barlow, the airport's director, later defended its safety measures.

"The weather conditions were within operating limits and all our normal safety procedures were in place. I am confident that the plane was right to come into land," he said.

Eyewitnesses said weather conditions were atrocious, with sleet, rain and lightning.

John Evans, 35, of Eastleigh, saw the plane attempting to land.

"It landed and then swerved. It just kept going, past the end of the runway and up the embankment before dropping over the edge on to the motorway," he said. "The next thing I saw was a ball of flames leaping up into the air, then a huge column of smoke. Then there was complete silence."

Another eyewitness, Raymond MacNoe, 38, of Southampton, said: "If the plane had gone just a few feet further it would have crashed into the Ford factory, with disastrous results."

David Atwill, a Hampshire police spokesman, whose force was on the scene minutes later, said: "It is an absolute miracle that no one was killed."

Ken Smart, an air accident investigation chief inspector, said a full enquiry would be undertaken and a report would available in three months. The aircraft, cut into sections, will be examined at air investigation laboratories at Farnborough, Hampshire.

It was suggested last night that water between the runway and the aircraft's wheels had caused aquaplaning and could have contributed to the accident. A Hampshire Fire Brigade spokesman said: "We will have to wait for the full investigation. That the aircraft structure is fairly intact means the accident must have happened at a relatively low speed."

The motorway was closed immediately after the crash, but a contraflow system was set up yesterday afternoon.



Destroyed: the burnt-out shell of the Citation 500 jet, which will be cut into sections and taken to air investigation laboratories for examination

Allitt plea judge backs Bottomley

BY LIN JENKINS

THE parents of children murdered by the nurse Beverly Allitt yesterday failed in their High Court application to overturn the decision of Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to hold the enquiry into the matter in private.

Mr Justice Macpherson refused an application for leave to appeal for judicial review against the decision. He said there was "no sustainable case that Mrs Bottomley acted with perversity", which had to be established for the challenge to succeed. The application was made on behalf of Paul Crampton, who was aged five months when Allitt tried to murder him at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital, Lincolnshire, where she worked after qualifying as a nurse.

The judge said it would be wrong to grant leave for a full hearing because it might "buoy up the hopes" of those who wanted a public or statutory enquiry. To have their hopes dashed later is worse than having them dashed at the start," he said. An enquiry into the events will be headed by Sir Cecil Clothier QC. He will take evidence in private and make his findings public.

Allitt, 24, of Corby Glen, near Grantham, Lincs, faces four life sentences for murdering three babies and a child. She will be sentenced at Nottingham Crown Court tomorrow for those crimes, of attempting to murder three other children and causing grevious bodily harm to six others. The families are expected to take their case to the Court of Appeal.

Augustus Ullstein QC, counsel for Paul Crampton, accused Mrs Bottomley yesterday of ignoring the cardinal principles of tribunals and enquiries by ordering an investigation which had no power to compel witnesses to attend, to order production of documents, or make orders for costs. Mrs Bottomley, he said, had failed to take into account the views and feelings of the families and hospital staff. Had she sought the staff's views she would never have concluded that a private enquiry was desirable to avoid "additional stresses and strains" on them.

Police and the criminal trial did not uncover everything, he said, while Sir Cecil's "extraordinary" statement that witnesses were more likely to tell the truth in private was "wholly contrary to the system of criminal and civil justice in this country".

The judge said Mrs Bottomley had a discretion as to what sort of enquiry she set up. The court's only role was to test whether her decision was unlawful, procedurally improper or unreasonable to the point of perversity.

Police found guilty of assault and cover-up

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THREE policemen who attacked a student and his family in their home after a heavy drinking session faced prison sentences last night after a jury convicted them of affray and attempting to pervert the course of justice.

The off-duty officers burst into the £250,000 Chelsea home of Francis Milburn, 21, when he complained about their singing and shouting in the street after a spree at the Anglesey Arms opposite.

Police constables Nicholas Jones, 28, John Walsh, 30, and Jonathan Lehrle, 26, were freed on bail at the Old Bailey pending pre-sentence reports. Judge Butter QC said: "The defendants must not build up any false hopes about this. A custodial sentence is highly likely, but I would welcome as much assistance as I can get in deciding the appropriate sentence."

Mr Milburn was studying for degree finals at the London School of Economics when the affray took place last year. The officers then turned on his mother, Angela Milburn, his stepfather, Robert Scott, and his grandmother, Raine Henderson, 87, who came to his aid. The middle-aged couple were [illegible] their porch steps of their house, the court was told, and the grandmother was pushed about.

Other officers were called to the scene, at which point the defendants gave a version of events that resulted in the arrest of Mr Milburn and his family. Mr Milburn was charged with assault, but acquitted. Horseferry Road magistrates' court last September after witnesses supported the family's account. The three officers were then arrested.

Yesterday, at the end of a 13-day trial, Walsh, Jones and Lehrle were found guilty of affray and attempting to pervert the course of justice. Walsh, who was commended for bravery in 1991 for disarming an assassin, was cleared of assaulting Angela Milburn and Robert Scott.

Jones and Walsh were attached to Chelsea police station and Lehrle was in the 6th Territorial Support Group.

The jury was told that Mr Milburn was disturbed as he studied by "drunken carousing" at 11.20pm in the road. When he shouted at the three to shut up, the men made offensive gestures and challenged him to come down.

On his way, he picked up a nightstick, an American-style police truncheon that he owned, in self-defence and stood on his doorstep dressed only in boxer shorts.

Aftab Jafferjee, for the prosecution, told the jury: "The fact that these three were police officers was a shock still in store for Mr Milburn. He told one of the officers to get off private property, but they replied 'You can't threaten us'. They all moved towards him. As he turned to flee back inside the house, they were upon him and entered the house."

Mr Milburn, now training to be an Army officer, described the three as "hostile intruders".



Milburn: framed by police in affray

£1.75m church bill

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE destroyed church of St Ethelburga in the City of London could be replaced for less than £1.75 million, the construction firm Sir Robert McAlpine said yesterday.

The London diocese of the Church of England, split between those who want to rebuild St Ethelburga's and others who want to demolish what remains of it, has reached no decision.

Paul Sutherland, parish clerk of St Ethelburga, said: "There's still a great deal of public support. I think it would be quite possible for an appeal to raise £1.75 million. But the longer we leave it, the harder it will be to achieve."

The decision rests at present with the St Helen Bishopsgate parish. The church there is still closed after it was badly damaged by the IRA bomb attacks this year and last and the congregation is meeting at nearby St Peter's. Staff at St Helen's are understood to oppose rebuilding. Moves could be made to take St Ethelburga's out of St Helen's control and into the direct control of the diocese.

The Rev Hugh Palmer, curate of St Helen's, said: "As far as I am aware, the whole thing is still around the negotiating table."

McAlpine has offered free storage for demolished rubble and free propping schemes for St Ethelburga's.

Bosnia colonel 'denies affair'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MOST colleagues maintained a dignified silence yesterday over reports that Lt Col Bob Stewart, former commander of British troops in Bosnia, had left his wife for a woman he met in the war zone.

However, one fellow member of The Cheshire Regiment, in Fallingbostel, Germany, expressed little surprise that the marriage was in difficulties. "There have been rumours that things have not all been well," the soldier, who would not be named, said. Subsequently, some officers rallied anonymously to the colonel's support, reportedly saying that he strenously denied a relationship in Bosnia.

Col Stewart, 43, and his wife, Lizzie, 40, were said to have exchanged divorce papers almost as soon as he returned from the frontline. Rumours about the marriage had been rife and there was concern among senior officers. According to one report, they summoned him for an interview, at which he was said to have told them that his marriage was over but that no other woman was involved.

During the Cheshires' tour of duty in Bosnia, Col Stewart relied heavily on a team of mainly female interpreters to guide him across frontlines. The young women frequently put themselves at considerable risk.

The defence ministry yesterday refused to discuss reports of a split. "It's a personal matter," a spokesman said when asked to comment on a report in *The Sun*, which claimed that Col Stewart fuelled a "close relationship" with an unidentified woman in central Bosnia.

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Gooch finds little peace on his day out in the country

BY LIZ GERARD

LEADING your country is a tricky business. Every move comes under intense scrutiny, whether you are performing on the world stage or contemplating a reshuffle in the team. When people start questioning whether you are the right man for the job, there is little point in seeking respite at a quiet country cricket ground — as Graham Gooch discovered yesterday.

Short of match practice before next week's Old Trafford Test, the England captain yesterday forsook the world of grandstands and electronic scoreboards to turn out for the Essex seconds at Colchester's Castle Park. Colchester has been kind to Gooch in the past. It was here that he hit 75 after a bad patch led to his exclusion from the Test team in 1989. The following year he belted 177 against Lancashire.

But that was festival Colchester, in the August sunshine. Yesterday, he made the acquaintance of frugal Colchester, its hospitality marquees, beer tents, hot dog stands and cheering crowds replaced by an overcast sky, a handful of diehard supporters and an unwelcome battery of newshounds.

The latter wanted him to bat; and Gooch himself was looking for practice. But the fickle nickel landed the wrong way up and it was with gritted teeth and fixed eye that he led his men out to bowl against Somerset.

Earlier, he had displayed his customary taciturnity — saying only that he could not go ten days before a Test without match practice — and his legendary diligence: he was first to the ground and first to the nets.

It is hard to envisage May, Cowdrey or Dexter strolling out with the second team in between skirmishes with the Aussies. But then Gooch is made of different stuff, and his only indulgence was a bacon sandwich before settling down to the serious business.

The old faithful did likewise; the collapsible chairs were unfolded, the Thermos flasks undone. There was a smile or two at Gooch's first dropped catch and polite applause as he took a couple of wickets.

As the day wore on, the photographers melted away, as did much of the crowd. When he finally came in to bat, there was hardly a soul watching.

He was out for 25.

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Hospitals search for patients of Aids GP

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of hospital patients are to be contacted by health authorities and offered tests after it was revealed that a doctor is dying from Aids.

The patients are women from the west of Scotland who were treated by the doctor in two maternity hospitals.

The GP, Douglas Haire, 38, is being treated for an Aids-related illness in a hospital in Greenock. He is too ill to give details of his career. Four health authorities are now tracing his patients. He was diagnosed last week after having been off work for a month.

The doctor's illness came to the attention of the Greater Glasgow Health Board on Monday night. By then he was seriously ill. Dr Dan Reid, of the Communicable Disease (Scotland) Unit at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow said he did know when the doctor discovered he was HIV-positive.

The health authorities have told patients that the risk of being infected by a health care worker is extremely remote but acknowledge that some patients may need extra reassurance. Dr Andrew Reid, of Argyll and Clyde Health Board, said: "We would like to let [patients] know that a very high level investigation has been carried out and we would seek to give reassurance to any patients who have been involved. Six health-care workers have contracted Aids in the UK in the last few years. None has infected a patient". A Freephone line has been set up for patients: 0800-317314.

Chess gala lends a helping hand to hospital children



Check mates: Gabriel Hurst, left, and Stavros Charalambou at St Bart's in London

BY IAN MURRAY

WORK on a much-needed "home from home" in the Newcastle area for families of dangerously-ill children can start in earnest thanks to *The Times* World Chess Championship.

The facility is being planned by The Sick Children's Trust, which has been chosen as the charity to benefit from receipts and events during the 24 games between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short.

In February, when *The Times* brought Kasparov to Simpsons-in-the-Strand to play 25 sponsored teams simultaneously, the charity received £37,000 and it has now been decided to continue this partnership throughout the world championship match and the linked London Chess Festival in September and October.

The trust has already set up four "homes from home" in London, one in Leeds and smaller units in Canterbury, Kent, and Farnborough, Hampshire, where families can stay while children are undergoing long-term hospital treatment.

The idea of linking the charity and chess came from Loyd Grossman, the television personality who is both a vice-president of the trust and a restaurant historian who wanted to take chess back to Simpson's, its historic home. "The news is wonderful," he said yesterday.

Money for the trust will come from a percentage of ticket sales and the predict-a-move telephone game which chess enthusiasts will be able to play during the matches.

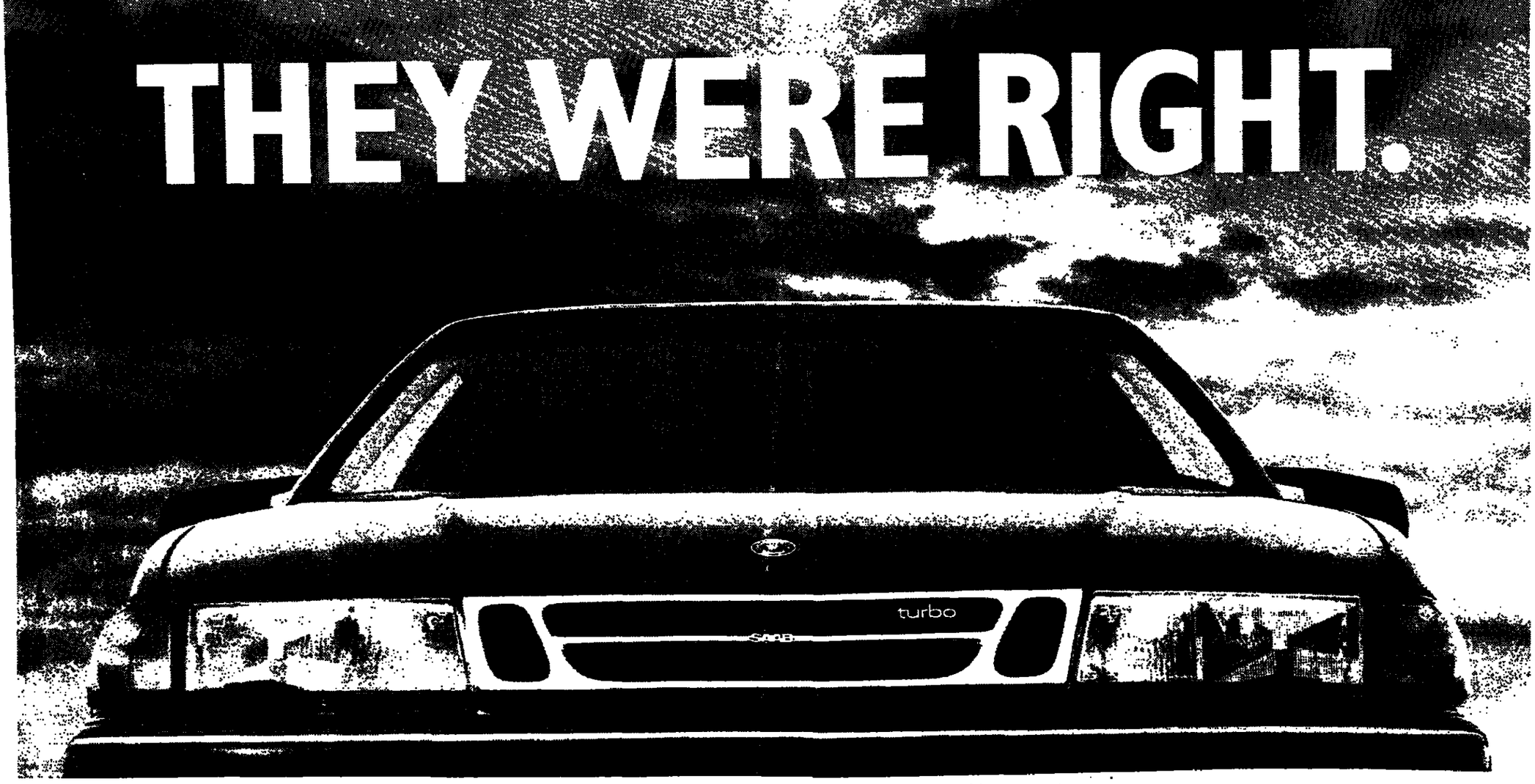
To reserve chess bonds for seats at the games, ring the First Call booking line (071-497-9977) which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is a special line for debentures (071-240-7491) and details of corporate packages are available from Cavendish Hospitality (081-567-3530).

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Tighter palace safety measures urged

Fire risk demands 24-hour vigilance

BY JOHN YOUNG

ALL of Britain's royal palaces should have fire-detection systems with control centres linked to fire stations and manned 24 hours a day, a report published yesterday says. They should also be surveyed by fire-safety professionals to assess the risk to property and the lives of visitors and staff.

The recommendations, accepted immediately by Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, bear out many of the findings in a series of reports in *The Times* since the Windsor Castle fire in November. The reports drew attention to the lack of proper fire precautions in public buildings and called for an end to Crown immunity from prosecution for failure to observe regulations.

The report, by a group led by Sir Alan Bailey, former permanent secretary at the transport department, concluded that the most likely cause of the Windsor fire was that a curtain screening the altar in the private chapel was brought too near a wall-mounted spotlight.

All the lights in the chapel were controlled from a single bank of switches, which were not labelled. Because picture restorers working there were unaware of which switches operated which lights, their practice was to switch them all on when they began work.

When the curtains were drawn across the altar they would have obscured the lights. The curtains were only a few centimetres away from the spotlight track and may have been pushed closer by a picture leaning against them.

"Only a small movement of bulb or curtain would have brought the two into contact, creating the conditions for a smouldering fire," the report said. "Because of the location of the smouldering, well above floor level and at the rear of the curtains, it is likely that the smoke was carried upward into the ceiling, making it harder to detect."

Contractors working near by tackled the fire, but the flames were travelling rapidly. It spread through ceiling cavities and voids behind panelling. By the time the castle fire appliance arrived it had taken hold in the ceiling and roof. Until the Berkshire fire brigade came, castle firefighters continued to fight the blaze but were not equipped to contain it.

The report said the safety of occupants and visitors at royal palaces must have priority. In most palaces the risks were low, with the important exception of the White Tower at the Tower of London.

Installation of automatic fire detection systems in all the royal palaces would cost between £6 million and £9 million, the report said. The aim should be to complete the work within three years.

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Famous names: Mr Major and Miss Stephens and, above, the Hillary $5 note



Major in a muddle over climber's name

THE prime minister became muddled yesterday when he met the first British woman to conquer Everest and called her by the wrong name.

John Major and Rebecca Stephens were posing for photographers on the steps of 10 Downing Street when he spotted a party of schoolchildren and said: "Come over here and meet the children, Rachel."

"My name's Rebecca," she replied, but Mr Major just grinned and continued talking to the children, from Dulwich College in south London.

Miss Stephens, a 31-year-old journalist from Fulham, southwest London, was joined by the leaders of the DHL Everest expedition, Peter Earl and John Barry. A spokesman for the team said: "I am not surprised Mr Major got her name muddled up. We have a Rachel in the office and we are always calling her Rebecca."

Miss Stephens said she was fit and well after her triumphant climb, except for a sore throat that made speaking difficult.

☐ Sir Edmund Hillary, who with Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first to reach the summit of Everest in 1953, is depicted on New Zealand's latest $5 note.

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Solicitors claim legal aid cuts unlawful

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor was accused in the High Court yesterday of acting unlawfully and irrationally in introducing a package of cuts to the legal aid scheme, denying millions access to justice.

Michael Beloff QC, for the Law Society, said that the new legal aid regulations, which came into effect on April 12, had been introduced by Lord Mackay of Clashfern without proper consultation with the society, as required by statute. The regulations contravened fundamental constitutional principles by making the legal aid advice scheme in England less favourable than in Scotland, contrary to the Union with Scotland Act.

The society, which represents 59,000 solicitors in England and Wales, asked Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Mantell to declare that Lord Mackay had acted outside his powers under the Legal Aid Act 1988 and to grant an order quashing the regulations. Mr Beloff said that the adverse impact of the regulations on access to justice had been roundly criticised by, among other, the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the Legal Aid Advisory Committee, National Consumer Council, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux and Shelter.

The regulations reduce the income limit for free legal aid advice the level or income support, or a net income of £61 a week. They also involve people paying more in contributions towards legal aid costs and for the duration of the case.

David Pannick QC, for the Lord Chancellor, questioned whether the society had the legal standing to bring the challenge. The judges rejected that argument. The hearing continues today.

Ministry cheated poultry farmers

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE agriculture ministry used deception and concealment to cheat poultry farmers out of hundreds of thousands of pounds of compensation for slaughtered flocks, according to a report by an all-party Commons committee.

The MPs have accused the ministry of trying to get away with paying a level of compensation that it knew to be illegal, concluding: "Such maladministration ... should never be repeated."

James Pawsey, Tory chairman of the select committee for the parliamentary ombudsman, said yesterday: "We were astonished by the degree of concealment and bureaucracy and the lack of sympathy shown by the ministry for an industry that had been gravely and irresponsibly damaged." The ministry had since admitted its error and was making amends.

The committee's report, published yesterday, is the final chapter in a saga that began on December 3, 1988, with the claim by Edwina Currie, then a junior health minister, that most egg production was infected with salmonella. Her remarks caused a sharp fall in sales.

Compusory testing of egg-laying birds was introduced and any flocks in which salmonella was found had to be slaughtered. Farmers were initially offered no more than 60 per cent of the pre-slaughter price of the birds.

The committee said that although farmers could appeal a decision could take months, during which time no money would be paid. The farmers were also denied information on how the sums were calculated. When compensation was increased, the higher rate was denied to those who had settled for 60 per cent.

Historians agog over can labels

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE world's first centre of Throwaway Studies opens today, offering scholars the chance to research turnpike tickets, chocolate bar wrappers and prostitutes' advertising cards.

The Centre for Ephemera Studies at the University of Reading will house vast amounts of printed paper — all of it basically rubbish — for the social historian and the linguist. It includes the mountainous collection put together over 25 years by the author Maurice Rickards, who has amassed ephemera ranging "from the dawn of printing to about 1.30 this afternoon".

"Half of history appears on a library shelf and half in the wastepaper basket," Mr Rickards explained. Examples of today's ephemera worth studying might be a leaflet given out in a shopping precinct, or a prostitute's card displayed in a telephone box — which might tell us about changes in sexual mores and different typefaces.

The director of the centre, Professor Michael Twyman, said that discarded tickets, business stationery and even baked-bean can labels, were "as revealing as any other evidence. The smallest throwaway item may provide clues to the forgotten details of everyday life."

The centre will be used by scholars from all over the world; specialists can choose their pile of ephemera to wade through. Over the past ten years there has been increasing interest in human trivia, Professor Twyman says.

Mr Rickards said: "We have tuned into a particularly new science, and it is a serious one. Nothing is unimportant, although we do have to be slightly selective about what we add to the collection. One baked-bean label is enough." The historian Lord Briggs, president of the Ephemera Society, who is to open the centre, said: "It's like a dream come true."

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MacGregor maps out a route to motorway leasing

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MacGregor, the transport secretary, yesterday signalled the franchising of motorways when he announced plans which could lead to 24 million motorists paying for the 1,400-mile road network within five years.

The proposals could lead to £700 million a year in revenue being generated, with cars being charged up to 1.5p per mile and lorries 4.5p per mile for the same journey. The charges could also apply to other high standard inter-urban roads.

Mr MacGregor said he would invite the private sector to become heavily involved with the programme. This could include franchise holders maintaining and improving stretches of motorway in return for levying charges on those road users.

Another option would maintain the planning role with the government, with a private sector contractor taking responsibility for a section of motorway and receiving payments from a central authority. Payments would be based on the level of traffic using the road before and after improvement.

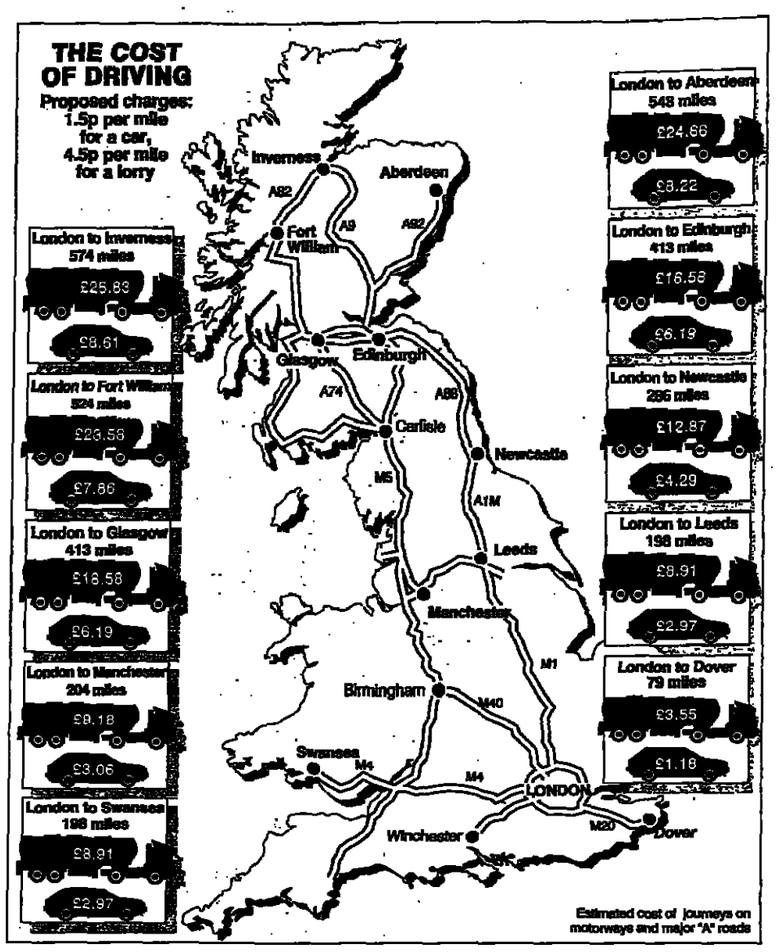
Although Mr MacGregor described his green paper, *Paying for Better Motorways*, as a discussion document, he is clearly in favour of motorway charging as a way of preventing 20 years of disruption and increased congestion. It appears that only inadequate technology is preventing the minister from pushing for the measures to be introduced more rapidly.

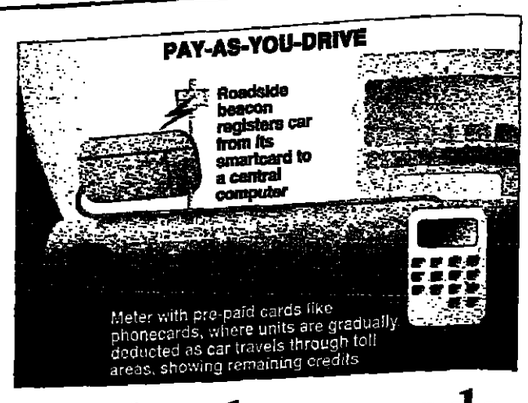
The green paper is an admission that even a record £1.5 billion annual road programme is not enough to cope with a projected 30 per cent growth in traffic by the turn of the century. Road pressure groups have indicated they might welcome the proposals if they lead to improvements and if they could be sure that the Treasury would not use road charge revenue as an argument for reducing the government's commitment to a £22 billion building and improvement programme.

While that argument appears to be unresolved, Mr MacGregor said it was his intention to ensure that the revenue and expenditure on roads subject to charges would be "transparent". The proceeds of charges would be applied only to the construction and operation of the charged network.

While no decisions have been taken, Mr MacGregor is clearly in favour of an electronic tagging system. He might be tempted, however, as an interim measure, to introduce a yearly permit: £50 for regular motorway users, with a £3 weekly permit for occasional users and visitors. This would raise about £500 million a year.

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Technology needs more work to meet UK congestion

■ Toll booths and hub odometers have been ruled out. Electronic tags and smart cards are still on the agenda

BY OUR TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE transport secretary has been impressed by road charge schemes he has seen in Norway and Sweden, but does not believe the technology has been perfected sufficiently for introduction to Britain's far more complex and congested road system.

John MacGregor's only firm decision has been to discount the introduction of conventional toll booths and barriers of the kind encountered on the Severn Bridge or the Dartford River crossing.

These require a great deal of land — the Dartford "toll plaza" is 24 lanes wide, taking up more than eight acres — and cause huge traffic delays. They would make no sense on British motorways where junctions occur every three miles.

Mr MacGregor has also rejected the idea of a milage-related charge measured by hub odometers, which have been used in some countries, as they offer no way of determining which roads a vehicle has used or when. His only two real options are a permit system or one based on electronic direct charging.

With electronic tolling, each vehicle would be equipped with an electronic tag that would register with a roadside or overhead beacon, recording the fact that it had passed that point.

Under an "open" system of tolling there would be one beacon on each section of road between two junctions. Each tag would be registered as it passed the beacon, so that the charge for the journey would depend on the number of beacons passed.

Under a "closed" system, each tag would be registered by a beacon on the slip road as it entered the network and by another beacon as it left. At both points, the beacon would record the identity of the tag.

A central computer or "smart card" in the vehicle would work out the distance travelled and charge the user's account accordingly, possibly increasing the charge if the vehicle was using the network at a time of high demand.

With either open or closed tolling, there are many different technical options, ranging from very simple tags tied into a central computer to manage account details or to sophisticated "smart card" based devices capable of calculating and storing account information from the tag itself.

Under a permit system, road users could purchase an annual non-tranferable permit for up to £75 which would be displayed in the windscreen or incorporated into the road tax disc.

Short-term permits would be available for drivers who only occasionally used motorways and for foreign visitors to this country.

The main advantages of a permit system are that it could be quickly introduced and relatively straightforward to administer. The main disadvantage is that the charge would be unrelated to the amount of use and the time when the permit was used.

Research indicates various systems might persuade between 5 and 10 per cent of motorists to switch from motorways to other roads.

Many countries levy tolls on at least some of their motorways. Of the approximately 25,000 miles of European motorways, about one third are tolled. Of these, some 90 per cent are in France, Italy and Spain.

Many other countries, including Austria, Poartugal, Greece, Japan and the United States have some tolled motorways and similar premium quality roads.

Current levels of tolls for cars average 5p per mile in France and 10p per mile in Spain. Japan charges up to 19p per mile and also charges a 75p access charge.

In 1991 the annual revenue raised from road tolls varied from around £500 million in Spain to over £1 billion in Italy and around £2 billion in France.

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Scientific expertise 'an immense national asset' that will be wasted if barriers are not broken down

Laboratory work will be linked to the factory floor

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

■ **The first white paper on science and technology for 20 years aims for partnerships with industry and government**

BRITAIN'S expertise in science and technology must be harnessed, directed and exploited more effectively if the nation is to prosper, a government white paper declared yesterday.

In a sweeping reorganisation which splits up the Science and Engineering Research Council and establishes a new Council for Science and Technology, chaired by William Waldegrave, the science minister, the government is attempting to break down barriers between science and government and reverse decades of failure to exploit scientific discovery.

The white paper, *Realising our Potential*, will not satisfy scientists who believe that more money is the answer — it promises no more than to continue to allocate resources "on the scale necessary". But it will please people who believe more rational organisation will release pent-up energies.

Britain's strength in science was an "immense national asset" which would not be properly utilised unless further efforts were made to break down barriers to the acceptance and recognition of its importance to our future, it says.

The overriding sentiment of the white paper is that science should be brought closer to the people responsible for industrial and commercial decisions. A new technique, technology foresight, will be used to involve industry and scientists in an effort to identify key areas for investment. Each sector of technology will be examined by expert panels from universities, industry, finance and government to identify opportunities and define priorities.

The basic system for supporting research in universities, dual funding by the Universities Funding Council and the research councils, remains unchanged. But the largest of the councils, the Science and Engineering Research Council, will be dismembered. From it will emerge two new councils: the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, responsible for "small science" and with a pronounced practical bias, and the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, responsible for the capital-intensive field of physical science.

This separation should provide some protection to Britain's involvement in organisations such as Cern, the European particle physics laboratory in Geneva. In the past, currency fluctuations have caused abrupt changes in the annual subscription of £60 million, embarrassing the research council which had to take the money from other sciences. In future, such shocks will be absorbed by all the research councils.

The Agricultural and Food Research Council will acquire support for non-medical biological research, to create a Biotechnology and Biological Research Council. The other councils remain unchanged, but their management will be altered to bring them into line with the Medical Research Council, which is seen as the model. This will mean a part-time chairman, probably from industry, and a full-time scientific chief executive.

The other major change will be in postgraduate education. Instead of moving immediately to a PhD, most science and technology graduates who want a higher degree will be expected to undertake a one-year M.Sc course. Some may then continue to a PhD, but the expectation is that fewer will do so than at present. With limited opportunities for tenured university positions, the traditional PhD is no longer considered an ideal training.

Mr Waldegrave will also attempt to make science more accessible by spending money on campaigns of public understanding in schools and among the public. The most striking demonstration of this will be a national exhibition of science, technology and engineering at the Science Museum to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Great Exhibition of 1851. A new fund will be set up to try to increase public understanding.

The main effect of the changes will be to make the Office of Science and Technology the central focus of British science. Apart from the Council for Science and Technology there will be a new post, director-general of the research councils, ranking immediately below the government's chief scientist, Dr Bill Stewart.

Notable for their absence are some of the more radical ideas proposed to Mr Waldegrave, including formation of a humanities research council and the formation of "Faraday centres" to improve liaison between universities and industry. The Advisory Council on Science and Technology will be abolished.

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Laboratory life: Medical Research Council scientists at work in north London

Biologists mix research with practical needs

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

IN DRAFTING the white paper on reorganising British science and technology, William Waldegrave, the science minister, and his advisers have viewed the Medical Research Council (MRC) as a model institution.

While several of the research councils and government laboratories face being broken up or privatised, the MRC has been left untouched and its centres, such as the world-famous laboratory of molecular biology in Cambridge, remain in public hands.

Mr Waldegrave believes that the council, whose origins lie in the early century's public health crises of tuberculosis and malnutrition, has mixed pure, strategic and applied research so as to serve the nation, the pursuit of scientific knowledge and industry. Officials point to the success of Britain's pharmaceutical industry. Research has, over a long period, paved the way for drug development. At the same time, scientists funded by the council, such as Sir Henry Dale, have won Nobel prizes for work on everything from neurotransmitters to the body's chemical receptors.

Dr Dai Rees, the MRC's secretary, said yesterday that the organisation's planning centred on clearly defined missions to solve health emergencies such as Aids or the emergence of multi-drug resistance of diseases such as TB.

Instead of focusing on minutiae, the council seeks to solve broader problems. Dr Rees compares the council's approach to that of the Harvard Business School. "If you make candles you should define your business as illumination, so that you develop light bulbs when candles become unfashionable," he said.

The council has tried hard to understand industry's needs — something, said Dr Rees, that "had not happened uniformly at other research councils". Modern medical research used advanced technology, and so required partnership with industry, he explained. "If we produce a candidate vaccine for Aids it has got to be made and there has to be quality control. We can't do that," said Dr Rees.

The council's chairman is Sir David Plaistow, chairman of the services and marketing company Inchcape and formerly of Vickers. The council's board also includes other lay members.

Dr Rees said: "There is a tendency of scientists to get fascinated with the trees and forget the wood . . . [Sir David] helps us to remember the big picture." Dr Rees emphasised that such a chairman needed to be carefully chosen. "You do not want someone who forces you to produce golden eggs. He has to be sympathetic with the general mission and be big and imaginative."

The council is helping to set up private companies to exploit ideas developed under its programmes, which are concentrating on molecular biology and gene therapy. MRC spin-offs include Celltech, a biotechnology company whose products include antibodies for fighting cancer, and Therexsys, a firm developing gene therapy techniques. The council has also recruited staff from industry who understand its needs and has set up a company in north London, Collaborative Centre, to further these goals. These officials, some with knowledge in neuroscience and some with expertise in immunology or genetics, monitor industry's activities and the patent literature and match this with the council's activities. Dr Rees said: "Every company knows the business it is in . . . An idea may be perfectly good but does not fit. We have gone to great lengths to understand this."

ROLE MODELS

Labour condemns lack of new cash

BY STAFF REPORTERS

LABOUR attacked the white paper in the Commons, accusing the government of "dithering and delay". Dr Lewis Moonie told MPs: "This government still has no science policy."

The paper failed to meet expectations on almost every key issue facing science and engineering, he said. It would be greeted by the science community with "bitter disappointment".

The failure of Mr Waldegrave, the science minister, to secure any fresh resources would condemn Britain to "hobble into the future with an underfunded science base". In the context of Britain's present economic plight, the paper was "a complete failure".

The group Save British Science also reacted with dismay. John Mulvey, executive secretary and a former Oxford University scientist, said that it had failed to tackle the fundamental issues damaging science and engineering and wealth creation in Britain.

"It makes no mention of the lack of investment and the fact that we have a £6 billion a year shortfall compared with Japan or Germany." Dr Mulvey said that there had been no attempt to address the trade and industry department's funding, which had halved in six years by about £200 million a year.

Some of the reforms of the research councils might be welcomed, but Dr Mulvey warned that placing a greater emphasis on industry's needs could undermine individual scientific and technological initiative and ingenuity.

Other reaction was more circumspect. The Science and Engineering Research Council, which the paper proposes to divide into two, said in a statement that it regretted its own proposals had not been adopted. It expressed disappointment that the new councils would have no increased resources to enable them to respond to the challenge of their new missions.

Sir Mark Richmond, chairman of the research council, is understood to have indicated that he is not a candidate to lead either of the new councils formed by the split.

Ian Harvey, chief executive of the British Technology Group, described the paper as a workmanlike document. He welcomed the technology foresight scheme, but warned that people should not mistake its role as forecasting the technologies of the future and "picking winners".

Mr Harvey said the paper failed to address industry's spending on research and development, which is well below competitor nations. "Even if we are more efficient in this country it is still a major area of concern," he said.

Lord Flowers, a scientist and chairman of the Lords select committee on science and technology, expressed anxiety about funding levels. In a letter to Mr Waldegrave, he said the science budget should be maintained in real terms over the medium term.

Waldegrave must listen to Socrates

George Guise, scientific adviser to Mrs Thatcher, argues that the shift from pure to applied science is a dangerous one

IN PLATO'S *Republic*, Socrates chides Glaucon for focusing on the utilitarian value of science. It is clear that William Waldegrave has been listening to a modern Glaucon. That figure is, I fear, Michael Heseltine.

Under Margaret Thatcher, Socrates was firmly in the ascendant. From the mid-1980s, funds were redirected from applied research towards basic science, whose funding had been falling in real terms.

During the early 1980s, there was a general Whitehall attitude that too many crazy people were building radio telescopes and atom smashers and that a Thatcherite administration should focus on research with utilitarian goals. This was the opposite of Mrs Thatcher's own view, which was suspicious of industry-orientated programmes.

In Britain, top industrial management rarely values any research for which it has not paid. Compare the sorry state of our electronics and aerospace industries — which have gorged state funds since the war — with the chemical industries, which have not. Neither are the defence industries any exception. Because the total tax-funded research budget will not increase, any funds siphoned off by industry must subtract from the basic science spend.

Put at its baldest, the Thatcher legacy was that undirected basic science should be funded by the taxpayer, whereas applied science and technology, intended to profit shareholders, should be funded by industry. The white paper does not explicitly propose to reverse this, but there are coded warnings.

It is disturbing to hear that "expenditure on science and technology is to be targeted in order to make the maximum contribution to national economic performance". Moreover, anything called a Technology Foresight Steering Group is a natural pulpit for whingeing industrialists who cannot stay abreast of America or Japan unaided.

And why should the new head of the research councils be locked into Whitehall secrecy by being placed within the office of science and technology? The present incumbent, Sir David Phillips, does an excellent job of umpiring the warring research councils while holding a public appointment of clear visibility outside Whitehall.

What Mr Waldegrave must learn — and what better teacher than Socrates — is that no science policy can create material wealth, although it can certainly fritter it away on the pet projects of industry, whose protagonists are either unable or unwilling to spend their companies' own funds.

Minister acts as midwife to innovation



Waldegrave: "need dose of rationality"

BY OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

FOR a man who has acquired much of the power over British science, William Waldegrave takes a sceptical view of the ability of ministers to pick winners.

Growing up near Bristol, he says, he saw the evidence all around him: "Brabazon, Concorde, the nuclear power station at Berkeley — they were all the products of ministers who couldn't resist subsidising disasters."

The best example was the Elizabethan airliner, chosen in preference to the Viscount by civil servants because it had a high wing and therefore provided a better view. "The Elizabethan sold in handfuls, the Viscount in hundreds," he said.

He is determined not to fall into the trap of prescribing what scientists and engineers do, though his department has the power to do just that. He is convinced the reorganisation was both inevitable and necessary. "The organisation of British science is too eccentric to be entirely supportable," he says. "We need a dose of rationality."

Other countries, he says, have active policies of finding out what competitor nations are researching. Now Britain would do the same, through the technology foresight scheme.

Mr Waldegrave denies research councils will be shifted towards more applied research, claiming that the policy is to get industry and universities into better contact. "The government is a midwife, not a steerer," he said.

However, on the future of government department laboratories, he said: "Some should be rationalised, some should expand, some might be privatised."

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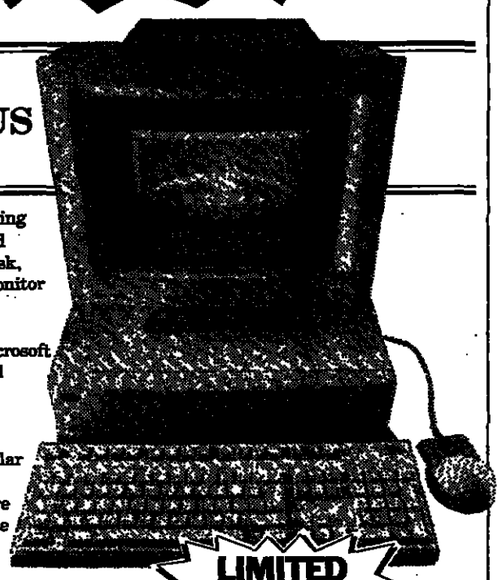
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Human rights ruling

Strasbourg endorses anti-terrorist law in UK

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE law which allows terrorist suspects to be held without charge for up to a week was overwhelmingly endorsed by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg yesterday after a challenge by two men from Northern Ireland.

The two men, one of whom has since been killed, had been held by security forces in Northern Ireland in 1989 for more than four days and questioned about involvement in terrorism. In a judgment welcomed by unionists but greeted with dismay by human rights groups and Sinn Fein, the court dismissed the complaint by Peter Brannigan from Downpatrick in co. Down and Patrick McBride from Belfast. The two men had said that their human rights had been breached when they were arrested and held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Mr Brannigan, a labourer aged 29, was arrested in January 1989 on suspicion of terrorist involvement. He was interrogated at Gough barracks in Armagh and his detention was extended several times before he was released without charge, after six and a half days in custody.

McBride, who was then 42, was arrested two days earlier. He was held for just over four days at Castlereagh interrogation centre, on the outskirts of Belfast. He also was released without charge.

Last January, McBride was one of three people killed at the main Sinn Fein offices in Belfast by a deranged police officer wielding a shotgun. The policeman committed suicide.

In its judgment, by a majority of 22 to 4, the European Court accepted that because of what it called the "extent and impact" of terrorist violence in Northern Ireland and elsewhere in the United Kingdom, there was a "public emergency" which required exceptional measures. These included the extended detention of suspects beyond four days, the normal limit laid down by the court.

The judges, reversing a decision in a similar case in 1988, said there was no indication that British anti-terrorist law was anything other than a "genuine response" to the terrorist threat. While Britain remained in breach of the Convention on Human Rights, its derogation from it on extended detention was thus upheld.

The Northern Ireland office would make no comment until the judgment had been studied in detail. David Trimble MP, of the Ulster Unionist party, said it was important that the court had accepted that sufficient safeguards were in place to protect suspects.

The decision worried human rights groups, which said that the European Court was becoming more restrictive and more conservative in its judgments. They say this is particularly so in cases involving the threat of terrorism.



Civil rites: Mary Robinson, the Irish president, with Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, chancellor of Oxford University, after she received a doctorate in civil law yesterday

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

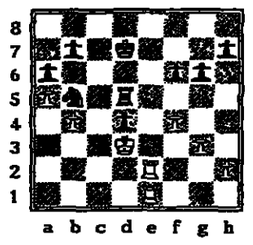
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White: Michael Adams
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Dublin Zonal 1993

Scotch Game

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2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	exd4
4	Nxd4	Bc5
5	Nb3	Bb6
6	Nc3	Nf6
7	a4	a6
8	Be2	d6
9	0-0	Be6
10	Nd5	Bxd5
11	exd5	Ne5
12	a5	Ba7
13	c4	0-0
14	Nd4	Re8
15	Be3	Qd7
16	Nc2	Bxe3
17	Nxe3	Ng6
18	Bd3	Re5
19	Bc2	c6
20	dxc6	Qxc6
21	Qd4	Qc5
22	Rfd1	Qxd4
23	Rxd4	Rd8
24	b4	Ne7
25	Rb1	Nc6
26	Rd2	g6
27	g3	Kf8
28	Bd1	d5
29	Bf3	d4
30	Nd5	Rf6
31	Bg2	Nxd5
32	cxd5	Rbd5
33	Bxd5	Rxd5
34	Kf1	Ke7
35	Rc2	Kd7
36	Ke1	Na7
37	Kd2	Nb5
38	Re1	Rf5
39	f4	f6
40	Kd3	Rd5
41	Rce2	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



CHESS NEWS

Get the book of the big game

Hodder and Stoughton has announced their book on the forthcoming Nigel Short v Garry Kasparov 1993 World Chess Championship. The problem is that the press release appears to have been written by someone who lives in a bunker and who does not follow chess. The spelling of Bobby Fischer is innovatory to say the least (Fisher *sic*), while the writer appears to be unaware that the championship match will take place in London, that *The Times* is sponsoring it and that the two players have broken away from Fide to stage their own match.

What the papers are saying

"Some members of the British Chess Federation Executive wanted to condemn Short for 'bringing the game into disrepute', but the grandmaster has become a household name. This week it was revealed that he will star in an advertisement for Heineken lager for a fee estimated at £175,000."

Financial Times

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cell mate murdered

A prisoner who was awaiting trial for murder clubbed his cellmate to death with a table leg because he was talking in his sleep. Matthew Smith told police that he had been uptight because the noise was getting on his nerves.

Smith, 24, of Aberarth, Dyfed, admitted murdering Ian McLoud, a petty criminal aged 31, at Cardiff jail, described last week as Britain's worst prison. He also admitted bludgeoning and stabbing to death Darren Corbett, 21. Cardiff Crown Court jailed him for life.

Club danger

The owners of Schofields night-club in Blackpool were jailed for 28 days by the town's magistrates for letting in 179 more people than permitted. Mark Fletcher, 29, and Simon Pilling, 22, admitted breaching safety rules.

Nurse struck off

Gilbert Atilego, 54, of Stockport, Greater Manchester, was struck off the nursing register for misconduct after a colleague told a disciplinary hearing that he had molested her.

'Shark' alert

Rowers in an event on the Wye next week have been warned to beware of a rare and aggressive fish known as the freshwater shark, or zander, which can inflict a nasty bite.

Mill revival

Experts are studying plans to produce power again at Flatford Mill on the Stour, Suffolk, which was painted by Constable.

Videos help to pay for IRA bombs

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

RACKETS earning more than £10 million a year from extortion, tax fraud and video piracy are financing IRA and Loyalist paramilitary groups, an Ulster financial expert told an international conference on organised crime yesterday. The gangs are beginning to raise money by selling pirate copies of video games.

Both terrorist groups have contacts with organised crime and gangs in mainland Britain and Europe. Police in Northern Ireland had learned to curb their activities by disruption rather than by trying simply to arrest them.

The expert, who was not identified for security reasons, told the conference at the police staff college in Hampshire that disruption could be just as effective as a court case. "Prosecutions are a bonus, the icing on the cake," he said.

Helped by professional advisers such as accountants, IRA and Loyalist leaders sent cash abroad through money laundering trails and fed it back into Northern Ireland and Eire. It funded terrorism, legal aid and help for families.

Video piracy started four or five years ago and is said to be so sophisticated that films reach Ulster shops before they are on general release. Detectives in the Irish Republic have seized £20,000 copying machines. The gangs were now moving into computer games.

☐ John Knox, deputy director of the Serious Fraud Office, said his staff were investigating 60 cases involving £6 billion — much more than Britain's losses from burglary and theft in 1991.

Pensions on plastic

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

POST Office chiefs are offering to introduce plastic cards in place of pension and benefit books to try to slow the loss of vital social security business.

Computerised scanners for gas and electricity bill payments could be adapted to cut the cost of processing benefit payments, the Department of Social Security has been told. Welcoming a commitment from Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, to maintain payments through post offices, the managing director of Post Office Counters, Richard Dykes, said processing benefits was essential to Britain's post offices. Mr Lilley had provoked fears among MPs that many sub-post offices would have to close by suggesting more benefits might be paid directly into bank or building society accounts to cut DSS costs.

Ideas being considered to try to stop the decline of the rural sub-post office network include opening branches in pubs and petrol stations. Mr Dykes said talks had begun with parish councils and the Rural Development Commission and would be held with anyone else with thoughts on slowing the closure of rural post offices, running at 140 a year.

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Bottomley offers the private sector a bigger role in NHS

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the health secretary, yesterday offered the private sector a sharply increased role in the National Health Service — though she insisted it was "not for sale".

In her most extensive statement on the place for the private sector in the NHS, Mrs Bottomley said the government would be urgently taking forward a new partnership with the private sector. Labour is likely to seize on her statement as further evidence that the government is privatising the NHS.

The health secretary said that private sector partnership in the NHS was one way of improving the service itself and the care it offered to patients, and welcomed new thinking about the role of private finance. Speaking to a conference in London on the scope for private sector involvement in public sector projects, organised by the CBI, Mrs Bottomley said there were considerable opportunities in the NHS for the "additional investment of private capital" on top of what the health service could obtain within a tight public spending regime.

She said: "The gain from private finance is year on year tighter control of revenue costs, and better management of risks, as well as the bonus of a new capital asset from private funds."

The government has written to all NHS trusts and health authorities urging them to take full advantage of the opportunity to use private sector funding. Among the projects where the private sector is already involved are new facilities for patients recovering from operations, the provision of kidney dialysis facilities, the leasing of medical equipment such as scanners and private sector incineration of NHS waste.

While a great deal of residential and nursing home care was already provided by the private sector, Mrs Bottomley forecast private sector provision of community care, including home help and other domestic care services. Putting many catering and laundry services out to the private sector since 1983 had so far saved the NHS around £1 billion, she said, which had been ploughed back into patient care.

Describing the potential for private sector involvement in the NHS as a "new partnership", Mrs Bottomley said: "If we can go further faster with this collaboration with the private sector we should urgently be taking forward these changes", which were in the mutual interest of both the NHS and the private sector.

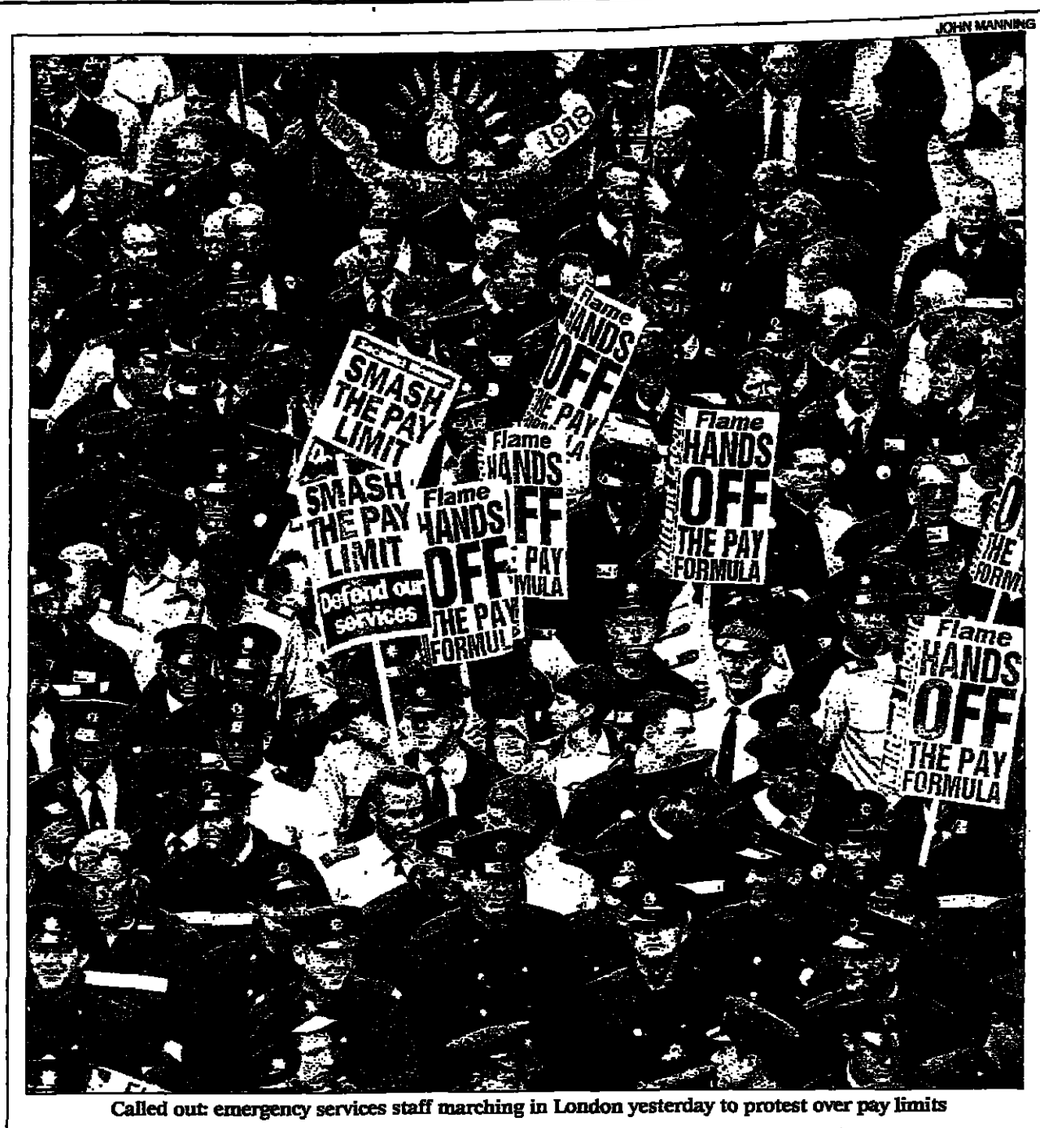
"The 'public sector good, private sector bad' doctrine or, depending which side of the fence you sit on, the other way round, has no place in our thinking," she said. The principal criteria were better services and better value for money. But "we have to anchor our enthusiasm for new ideas to the timeless values of the NHS. The NHS is not for profit, and it is not for sale."

Any involvement of the private sector in the NHS which contravened the fundamental principle that care had to be provided on the basis of clinical need, irrespective of the ability to pay, would be vetoed.

☐ The government yesterday took the first step towards building London's Crossrail. Government business managers yesterday set a date for debate on the bill to allow it to be built (Robert Morgan writes).

The private bill has been on the Commons order paper for several months with a blocking motion tabled by London Tory as well as Labour MPs. Yesterday they heard that the bill will be debated on Tuesday, June 8, the day after MPs reassemble after the spring recess.

JOHN MANNING



Called out: emergency services staff marching in London yesterday to protest over pay limits

Firemen ready to strike over pay

BY PHILIP BASSETT

MORE than 2,500 firefighters and ambulance staff from around the country marched through London and lobbied Parliament yesterday to protest over pay and what they claim is the government's underfunding of the emergency services.

Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, joined the marchers and attacked the government's funding levels. "Whenever there is a disaster the first thing Tory ministers do is to pay tribute to the emergency services, but tributes don't pay the grocery bills and they don't keep accident and emergency departments open," he said.

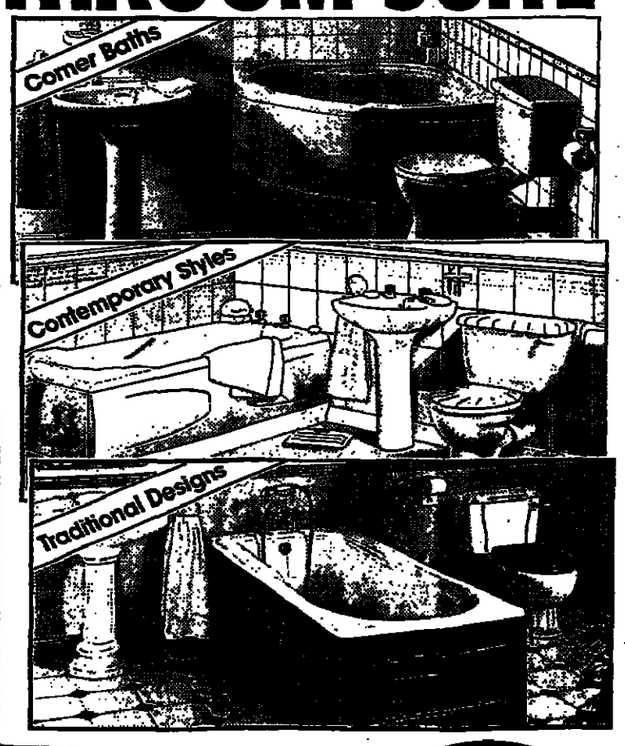
Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union will seek to meet local authority employers. But they are ready to ballot their members on strike action — the first since the national fire strike in 1977-8 — if the government fails to honour the pay formula which ended that dispute by insisting there will be no catching-up on pay following this year's 1.5 per cent pay limit for all public sector employees.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is insisting that the government will not fund any award which breaches the catching-up provisions of the Treasury's pay policy.

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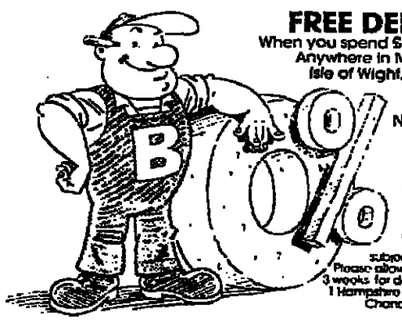
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Labour acts to prevent vote fraud

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party adopted a new procedure yesterday to prevent ballot rigging at shadow cabinet elections.

In the next elections in October, MPs will have to vote in person and will only be allowed a proxy vote on behalf of one colleague. Voting will take place on one day in a Commons committee room, and ballot papers will not be allowed out of the room.

The new system, supported unanimously by the parliamentary Labour party yesterday, will operate for the election of the front bench, party chief whip and chairman of the parliamentary Labour party on the same day.

The change follows allegations of ballot rigging in shadow cabinet elections, based on postal ballots held over a week, in previous years. Candidates have claimed in the past that large numbers of blank ballot papers have been handed in advance to the party whips by Labour MPs who would be absent on polling day. It has been alleged that the whips then cast votes for their preferred candidates. This has always been strongly denied by members of the Labour whips' office, but MPs have nevertheless called for much more rigorous procedures.

MPs privately admit that ballot papers are sometimes photocopied to show people how they have voted as part of the trading process which goes on during elections. Party managers hope that under the revised system this will be avoided. It should also speed up a system which has been criticised as slow and cumbersome.

Under the new rules, a committee room will be booked all day and two polling officers will be present at all voting times.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Spring adjournment debates on a variety of subjects.
Lords (11): Reinsurance (acts of terrorism) bill, all stages. National lottery bill, second reading.

Downing Street hears the West Country message

■ In the the third stage of his journey through the heart of Liberal Democrat southern Britain, Jonathan Prynn finds the recession has cost the government dear in the West Country

Cruising through the West Country lanes in the spring sunshine it is difficult to imagine that the social problems of the late 20th century ever made it further west than Bristol.

But there are darker sides to the region. Arriving in Taunton in the late evening, the gangs of tough looking urchins riding their BMX bikes up and down the pavements of the high street are more reminiscent of Rio than rural England. Many shops in the town centre are boarded up. Aggressive Militant Labour posters appeal for recruits to the Somerset class struggle.

The severity and longevity of the recession in Devon, Somerset and Cornwall was a large part of the Tories' undoing in May's county elections. The party did badly in most of England. In Devon and Somerset it was massacred, losing 54 seats, mainly to the Liberal Democrats who now control Somerset with 41 out of the 57 council seats, and are on the brink of forming a minority administration in Exeter.

The Liberal Democrats have tasted power in Devon and Somerset before. In both counties minority Liberal Democrat administrations governed between 1985 and 1989. With Labour apparently a spent force in the area and Tory MPs seeing their majorities whittled away at every general election, the Liberal Democrats are looking like the natural party of government along the M5 corridor.

In Taunton, Chris Clarke, the Liberal Democrat group leader, claims the electorate threw out a "brutal, uncaring and unlistening" Tory administration, which had concentrated budget cuts on the most vulnerable. Mr Clarke promises more a more humane and accessible administration, and more efficient delivery of services.

Brian Greenslade, the Liberal Democrat group leader in Devon, takes a more cautious view. The county faces "two to three years of painful cutbacks" and he forecasts difficult decisions ahead. Nine old people's homes were closed by the previous administration and the budget inherited by the Liberal Democrats means "there is not a fat lot we can do this year about increasing spending on education".

Relations between the parties appear more amicable than in some other counties in the region, perhaps because of the depth of Devon's financial hole. Later this year an all-party delegation from county hall will try to persuade ministers that Devon receives less than its fair share in the spending assessment allocations. According to Mr Greenslade the government has tended to neglect the South West because it has so long been regarded as safe Tory country. No longer.

But even at its peak English Toryism never crossed the Tamar. In 103 years, no party has had outright control in Cornwall County Council. Until May 6, that is, when the Liberal Democrat tide swept in. Now the party has a majority of five on the 79-seat council, with the Tories reduced to six, fewer than Labour.

On a whole swath of issues — fishing, water charges, VAT on domestic fuel — the national government has alienated local voters. It is significant that not a single Cornish school has voted to opt out of local education authority control. According to Doris Ansari, chair of the resources committee, "we feel completely and utterly forgotten. The election was an opportunity to send a message to Westminster that we're not on the periphery." The message, co-signed by a line of counties stretching "up-country" to London, has been received in Downing Street.

Diplomatic mission for Hurd

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S network of embassies abroad, and the career diplomats who staff them, will be defended today by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary.

In a speech at the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House in London, Mr Hurd will attempt to discredit the caricature of the diplomatic service by highlighting the role of overseas posts in maintaining Britain's influence and interests abroad. He will emphasise the growing importance of the political, commercial and consular work carried out by British embassies in an increasingly unstable world.

Mr Hurd is expected to draw particular attention to the role that British diplomats play in drafting UN Security Council resolutions. Since new communications systems have been installed, a draft security council proposal for action in any trouble spot can be delivered to the Foreign Office within 30 minutes, and the reply can be back in New York within the hour.

Despite the managerial and technological revolution which has transformed the day-to-day operations of the diplomatic service, Britain's overseas representatives are still seen as being cocooned in an Edwardian lifestyle, cushioned from the cuts affecting other Whitehall departments.

Mr Hurd is expected to draw attention to the support given by the diplomatic service to export promotion, which has played a central role in helping Britain to maintain its position as the fifth largest trading nation.

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Nato refuses to back five-nation formula for peace in Bosnia

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ *The alliance's cool reponse to the West's plan for stopping the killing in Bosnia has thrown into doubt the feasibility of creating "safe havens" for the Muslims*

NATO'S defence ministers yesterday backed away from the five-nation "joint action plan" for Bosnia-Herzegovina agreed in Washington at the weekend, refusing to endorse the document and raising questions about the feasibility and implications of creating "safe havens" for Muslims.

A statement issued by the alliance's 16 governments at the end of a two-day meeting coolly acknowledged the plan but, at the insistence of several sceptical governments led by Turkey and including Germany, avoided expressing any support. The statement said that Nato would consider any United Nations request for military help in protecting safe zones but, repeating earlier Nato wariness, warned that the UN "will need to define clearly the scope of any new undertakings".

Manfred Wörner, Nato's secretary-general, said the outline agreement to create and defend "safe havens" left "a lot of unanswered questions". Clearly worried by the haste with which Nato governments have cashed in their "peace dividend" and slashed armed services budgets, he later said that consolidating military spending was "the duty of the hour" with increasing demands for new missions such as peacekeeping.

Les Aspin, the American defence secretary, said the United States would not reduce its troops level in Europe below 100,000, from the current level of 160,000. He admitted that the "safe-havens" plan was incomplete and that it begged questions but declined to comment on them. He said that the five countries who devised the plan — the United States, Britain, France, Spain and Russia — were determined to "stop the killing" and would keep together in the face of Serbian aggression. "The Serbs cannot rely on divisions within the ranks of the Europeans, Americans and Russians to mean that there's going to be no action," he said.

His statement came as Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said he would refuse to co-operate with the war crimes tribunal over the former Yugoslavia, established by the UN Security Council on Tuesday night. Dr Karadzic, who has been branded a war criminal, said all war crimes should be considered under a 1945 international convention rather than singling out alleged culprits from this conflict. Until the UN recognised his self-declared republic, any criminals would be dealt with "by our own judiciary", he said.

Lawyers involved in drafting the 34-article statute of the new international court say privately that it will serve a useful purpose by recording war crimes and focusing attention on those responsible for atrocities. But it will probably be limited to suspects to the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia and Serb-held areas of Bosnia.

Created under the "enforcement provisions" of chapter seven of the UN Charter, the court will have power to order the surrender of suspects into its custody. But, with comprehensive UN already imposed against the rump Yugoslavia, there is little more the international community can do to force Belgrade to turn over suspects, and even less can be done to force their transfer from the self-proclaimed Serb republic in Bosnia.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has made clear that the court will be able to try the leaders of the warring sides for atrocities, even if their crime was simply not to use their authority to prevent them. But there is scepticism that the prosecutor will bring indictments against Dr Karadzic and President Milosevic of Serbia, even though both have been named by Washington as suspects.

The crimes that can be brought before the tribunal include grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, violations of the 1948 convention against genocide and other serious crimes against humanity and the laws of war, including rape and "ethnic cleansing". Those convicted can be imprisoned but cannot be executed.

Elsewhere yesterday, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday that he had always disliked the phrase "a new world order" because it fostered illusions. "It describes something we must try painfully to build, not something which exists," he said in a speech to the Defence and Security Forum in London.

The imposition of peace in Bosnia was not a real option and no one should pretend that the international community could guarantee solutions. "The only certain way to bring the fighting to an end would be the intervention on the ground of a massive international force. No government is contemplating this," Mr Hurd said.



Making waves: protesters over asylum law changes using paddle boats in a Bonn park to get close to the Bundestag's helicopter landing pad

Crowds protest in Bonn over tighter asylum laws

THOUSANDS of angry left-wing demonstrators laid siege to the German parliament yesterday in a desperate and ultimately unsuccessful attempt to prevent deputies voting for tighter asylum rules.

Some MPs were manhandled by black-hooded protesters, and politicians' cars were pelted with stones as they tried to drive through the crowds to the parliamentary district of Bonn, which was encircled by tangles of barbed wire.

Helicopters had to be used to transport about 100 deputies to the voting chamber. Some politicians were delivered along the Rhine in white pleasure cruisers protected by high-speed police motorboats. "You are a threat to German democracy, you bunch," yelled a Christian Democrat MP, as he left his battered car to sprint into parliament.

In fact, the threat was not as dramatic as it seemed to the beleaguered politicians. Lenin once said that a German revolutionary, if required to storm a railway station, would first queue for platform tickets. Some of the toughest of the anarcho-syndicalists lined up to hire all the paddle boats in a park lake, close to the helicopter landing pad, and then bared their bottoms and shouted slogans when the politicians left the aircraft.

A few small fire-bombs were thrown, but most of the violence was verbal. Demonstration leaders compared the changes in the constitution with the 1935 Nuremberg laws that stripped Jews of their German citizenship.

*Comparisons with 1935 laws against Jews' citizenship rights are invalid, **Roger Boyes** writes from Bonn*

The accusations were wildly off the mark. On the contrary, part of the point of tightening the asylum laws is to throttle support for far-right parties. As a response to the Nazi years, the postwar constitution promised shelter to all political refugees, and no other European state has such liberal legislation. The number of refugees has swollen — there were 438,000 applications for asylum last year — because of the collapse of communism and the fighting in Bosnia and Croatia.

The new rules introduce the concept of "safe countries". If refugees enter Germany after first passing through a country where they would have been spared persecution, Bonn reserves the right to turn them away. To this end, the Kohl administration has struck a deal with Poland through which many Balkan refugees seek to enter Germany. Warsaw, in return for a generous German grant, has undertaken to reinforce its borders and filter out all those who seem set to flee onwards to Germany. Bonn wants to reach a similar arrangement with Prague, but the divorce of Czechs and Slovaks has slowed down negotiations.

Under the changes, German authorities will also install airport controls to assess refugees who have flown directly to Germany. The Social Democrats were at first reluctant to agree to these changes. Since the support of about 50 deputies was essential to secure the necessary two-thirds majority, the Social Democrats found themselves in a strong bargaining position. The resulting compromise ensured that Germany would remain a prime provider of shelter to the genuinely persecuted and that funds would be made available to keep them.

Dr Wolfgang Schäuble, the parliamentary leader of the Christian Democrats, said: "Whoever says this reform will mean the end of political asylum in Germany is wrong." The Social Democrats by and large agreed during yesterday's parliamentary debate. However, suspicions were voiced by rebel Social Democrats and Greens that there were real dangers ahead. "People are going to carry on entering Germany," said Konrad Weiss of the Green party. "The difference is that they will be here illegally." In so far as the asylum curbs are designed to stem the rise of neo-Nazis, who feed on xenophobia, they may thus backfire. Indeed, some speakers said, refugee communities would be dangerously exposed.

The demonstration yesterday was the first big protest inspired by the left, rather than the extreme right, for many months.

EC justice ministers agree to strengthen immigration controls

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

DIPLOMATS in Brussels have confirmed that a meeting of European Community justice ministers in Copenhagen next week will attempt to tighten co-ordination of immigration policy in member states.

The Community-wide clampdown on illegal immigration is being regarded with suspicion by churches and civil rights groups, but British officials said yesterday that there was no danger of human rights being infringed. "Of course, there is immigration pressure right now and we are trying to reduce the inconsistencies," one source said. But the Copenhagen meeting, where Britain will be represented by Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, will be in the spotlight.

"One of the aspects of getting closer is to make sure we have rules and practices in common, including expulsion practice," a source said. "We want to get away from the situation where you have effective asylum shopping between member states."

However, when asked whether a "co-ordination" of policy between increasingly right-wing European governments might not be closer to a tightening of policy, he said: "I suppose you could say that. All governments, apart from Ireland, are under increasing pressure from immigration, particularly France and Germany."

The French cabinet postponed discussion yesterday of the bill to place new restrictions on the entry of foreigners amid reports of misgivings by a state administrative watchdog.

Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, said the discussion had been postponed because the advisory Council of State, which ensures that draft legislation conforms to the constitution, had not finished examining the bill. *Le Monde* said jurists had proposed watering down some of the restrictions.

The new centre-right government has angered immigration activists with its plans to abolish the automatic right by birth to French nationality. Under the new rules foreigners' children born in France would have to undergo a "suitability" test. M Pasqua is also considering random identity checks.

Diplomats in Brussels said that French views on immigration might not hold sway. A source said: "We are all party to the European Convention on Human Rights and the Geneva Convention on Refugees, and any state can end up in the dock at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg."

But with Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, and Community leaders desperate to create jobs for the 18 million unemployed Europeans, the political climate is grave for the civil rights lobby.



Serb shells carve out new corridor

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN MAGLAJ, BOSNIA

The first shell landed within five minutes of arriving in Maglaj, a Muslim city now being pounded by Bosnian Serb heavy artillery every day.

The shell landed 300 yards from where we were standing, close to a minaret. The assault on Maglaj, which has lasted 11 days, is threatening to turn this once-beautiful city into another Serb triumph of destruction and death.

Just as the east Bosnian towns of Srebrenica and Zepa were shelled until the Muslims were forced to lay down their arms, so Maglaj is being reduced slowly to rubble in an attempt by the Serbs to create a second corridor through the middle of Bosnia.

Twenty minutes before we reached Maglaj, about 50 miles north of Vitez in central Bosnia, a married couple had been walking across the bridge over the river Bosna which runs through the middle of the city and had been seriously injured by a shell. Earlier, four children were injured when a shell landed in their school.

Half of the buildings in Maglaj have been damaged by artillery fire. The main street is a mass of broken glass and shattered buildings. A burnt-out police car lay in the middle of the road. A few people still walk around the streets, but with at least 50 shells hitting the city every day, most families stay in their cellars.

Colonel Ivica Jozic, a local commander of the joint Muslim-Croat defence force in Maglaj, called on the United Nations to make Maglaj a "safe area". In the basement of the Croat-Muslim headquarters, which has been targeted by the Serbs, he said: "Please help us. We're cut off, soon the city will be empty of food."

Salim Kazic, the commander-in-chief of the joint forces in Maglaj, said: "We need medical equipment. Our hospital is badly damaged. The medical staff have to work underground." The injured are given emergency treatment and then taken to Zenica.

Off-duty soldiers sitting outside a damaged café said that, four days ago, a woman of 25 with a baby only days old had been hurt when a shell hit their flat in the north of the town.

Serb guns, ranging from 105mm to 205mm, are around the city, up in the hills. The nearest front line is a row of houses in the hills about 800 yards from the north end of the city. Some of the shells come from Doboj, 15 miles away.

The first artillery offensive against Maglaj started last August. Since this second assault began, 18 people have died and 60 have been injured.

Colonel Jozic said no UN food aid had reached the city for a month. A lorry carrying food had tried to get into the city the day before, but had been turned back by heavy shelling.

The city, which dates back more than 500 years, is at the top end of what is known as the "Maglaj finger", a thin stretch of territory beside land occupied by the Serbs. The Serb plan is to slice through Maglaj and to drive a corridor from Banja Luka in the northwest down to Pale, south of Sarajevo, and into Serbia itself.

After leaving Maglaj, we drove up into the hills across from the Serb positions to look down at the city. Half a dozen shells landed in the city as we watched. The defenders of Maglaj replied with two mortars that whistled over our heads.

Gaullists decide to privatise 21 state-owned companies

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE will privatise 21 banks and other companies, including Renault, Air France and Aerospatiale, the Gaullist-led government announced yesterday. The decision, which drew strong reservations from President Mitterrand, followed a policy shift by Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, that the opposition views as a humbling U-turn.

M Balladur, who is still riding on a tide of goodwill after eight weeks in office, hopes to raise 40 billion francs (£4.7 billion) this year as the government begins its sell-off of the concerns, some of which have been in state hands since the end of the second world war. Only the utilities, telecommunications, munitions and gaming concerns will be kept under state control.

The sell-off was promised in the conservatives' election manifesto. The surprise for the political and business world came from M Balladur's decision this week to lay his hands on the proceeds immediately by borrowing from the public. The government is to issue 40 billion francs of bonds which may be converted to shares in the newly private companies. M Balladur's action was a sharp shift, if not a reversal, because only two weeks ago he raised taxes and launched an austerity policy with the goal of cutting the national debt. "The trap of debt is a mortal one," he said earlier this month, "because it removes all margin for manoeuvre."



Balladur: riding on a tide of goodwill

Defending his gear change, he said the slump was so serious he needed the cash to create jobs and prime the economy, an approach which elicited ridicule from the enfeebled Socialist opposition.

M Balladur, whose policies have strengthened the franc and enabled the government to drop interest rates, also argues that 40 billion francs is less than 10 per cent of the overall budget deficit that he expects this year.

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Regions back Yeltsin assembly

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN regional leaders yesterday pledged to back President Yeltsin's plans for a constitutional assembly next month, strengthening his hand against the conservative parliament as he moves to end the national political impasse.

Vyachesiv Kostikov, the president's spokesman, said that Mr Yeltsin had won "a major victory" in enlisting support to replace the Soviet-era constitution with one according the presidency the right to determine his government and dissolve the Congress of People's Deputies.

Fifteen of the 16 autonomous republics agreed to the principle of the assembly, with only breakaway Chechenia refusing to attend. Mr Kostikov added that the meeting had accepted Mr Yeltsin's draft proposals as the basis. This concord will annoy conservatives who claim that Mr Yeltsin is trying to wrest dictatorial powers for himself. Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, accused the government of launching a "constitutional spectacle" to distract attention from economic problems.

The Russian leader has been wooing the heads of the 88 regions and autonomous republics, promising them greater independence. Yesterday he told them that the draft would limit the scope of federal powers: "With such constitutional guarantees, there can be no talk of imposing power from the centre."

For all his keenness to force through change, he is haunted by President Gorbachev's attempt to strengthen his hold by loosening the Soviet Union's centralist bonds, which hastened the country's collapse. He hopes to avoid a similar fate by presiding over a more controlled devolution.

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Troubled president grasps at compromise to win back critics



Clinton: furious over haircut rumpus

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton, beset by controversies, was yesterday working on a concession to conservative Democrats that he hoped would secure him a desperately needed victory in tonight's critical House vote on his economic programme.

Still a few short of the 218 votes he required for victory and knowing a defeat would be calamitous for his presidency, Mr Clinton looked set to agree to new restraints on federal spending to reassure conservatives wary of backing a tax-heavy plan without firm guarantees that it would actually reduce the deficit.

The compromise appeared to be a watered-down version of the strict spending caps on government benefit programmes like Medicare, Medicaid and social security that Mr Clinton firmly rejected last week. If annual spending targets on those programmes were breached, Congress would have to decide whether to pay for that extra spending through tax increases, offsetting cuts in other programmes or new borrowing that would further increase the deficit.

The rigid spending caps would almost certainly have been rejected by liberal Democrats from urban areas that depend most heavily on the programmes involved. This concession would at least ensure the deficit-cutting spotlight is turned on Congress annually. It would "take the country off automatic pilot on spending", said Charles Stenholm, the Texas Democrat who has been leading the conservative rebellion. Mr Clinton and his top officials continued to lobby furiously for the $346 billion (£230 billion) economic plan. On Tuesday he had invited more than 150 Democrats to the White House and he followed up yesterday with personal telephone calls. He is said to be furious at the continuing rows over his haircut and the White House travel office which have distracted attention and weakened him politically at a critical moment.

■ Cynicism about the Clinton presidency is growing. Even close White House advisers are beginning to doubt their leader's ability to steer his agenda back on track

Yesterday it was disclosed that a Clinton aide had ordered a female television interviewer personally to apply the president's make-up before an interview in New Hampshire last weekend. The White House later called her to apologise.

It was also reported that a prime source for the information that caused the White House to investigate its own travel office was Catherine Cornelius, a distant cousin of the president who wanted to take charge of the office herself. While working in the office in a low-level capacity she had surreptitiously photocopied financial records. Top advisers have now dropped any pretence that the administration is working smoothly. David Wilhelm, the Democratic party chairman, acknowledged "increasing cynicism and frustration that Bill Clinton can pull it off".

Stan Greenberg, Mr Clinton's pollster, admitted the president has "lost control of his agenda". James Carville, Mandy Grunwald and Mr Greenberg, three of Mr Clinton's most trusted and sure-footed campaign aides, have been called to the White House for advice.

There was renewed speculation yesterday about a big staff shake-up, with fingers pointing at Thomas McLarty, the White House Chief of Staff and a boyhood friend of the president's, who some Washington insiders believe is in over his head. There was also speculation that the president might jettison Lani Guinier, his nominee for assistant attorney-general, to avoid another damaging controversy. A big Senate confirmation fight is looming over her advocacy of extreme measures to improve the political power of minorities.

Media attention is meanwhile turning to the shadowy role of Harry Thomason, a Hollywood producer and another old friend of the president who was also instrumental in having the White House travel office dismissed.

The White House has been forced to admit that he works in the East Wing in some nebulous capacity during his frequent visits to Washington. Mr Thomason yesterday insisted he was only winding up inauguration business. Though a partner in a travel consultancy, he denied seeking any personal gain, suggesting that he was so rich that taking over the White House travel business was "the equivalent of taking over a lemonade stand".

☐ **New York:** Despite the poor economy, Americans gave away 2.01 per cent of their personal incomes last year, the most since 1971, an annual survey found. Charity gifts also were up by 3.8 per cent over 1991 after inflation was factored in, while corporate donations fell by the same rate, according to the survey by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel Trust for Philanthropy. Religious groups attracted the most donations of any type of charity last year. $56 billion, up 1.2 per cent after inflation. *(AP)*

Clinton faces hostile market reaction if tax plans collapse

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's deficit reduction programme will face its toughest test so far when the House of Representatives votes today on $250 billion (£162 billion) in proposed tax increases.

The vote is expected to be close and will be eagerly awaited by the bond markets, which have largely discounted the passage of the bill, after yield on long bonds fell sharply over the past seven months.

A setback for the economics plan would almost certainly accelerate the recent trend back towards higher bond yields and long-term interest rates, to levels above 7 per cent. It would be interpreted as a sign that the administration is incapable of seeing through its economic policies, the most important plank in the president's agenda, and thus augur more economic uncertainty.

Although Congress has already passed the outlines of the president's economic programme, legislators are having second thoughts about the energy tax. Scheduled to raise $80 billion in five years, the tax constitutes the single largest item in the $500 billion deficit reduction programme.

Even if the tax bill is approved today, the most difficult battle has yet to come, in the Senate. Two leading Democratic senators on the finance committee, where Democrats hold a slender 11-9 majority, have openly expressed their opposition to the bill. The Democrats are led by David Boren, of Oklahoma, the most vociferous opponent, and include John Breaux, of Louisiana, who have come under intense local pressure.

The problem for the administration is not merely the political embarrassment and public ridicule that a fundamental congressional amendment of the tax bill would invariably bring about. Financial markets, whose patience with the administration is running thin, would invariably regard any fundamental change as watering down the proposal, even if the bottom-line figures remain the same, because the revenue from tax increases is calculable with a reasonable degree of certainty, while savings on entitlement cuts frequently miss proposed targets.

Some of the amendments under consideration in the Senate are not only related to matters such as social and economic justice, but also feasibility, as US budgets and deficit forecasts historically have tended to be unduly optimistic. The administration has tried to achieve savings through specific rather than across-the-board cuts, which are impressive on paper but rarely achieve results.

Of all the taxes, the energy tax is the most controversial. It is to be levied on the basis of heat content, and would raise the electricity and gas costs for private and industrial consumers. Energy-intensive industries would be particularly hit, although the administration would allow some exemptions. Mr Boren wants the tax replaced with further spending cuts. Mr Breaux would accept the energy tax in a scaled-down version, with the shortfall to be raised from increased duty on petrol and entitlement cuts. However, tax on petrol is politically more explosive than an energy tax, particularly in the Midwest.

The economic impact of the energy tax would be noticeable but small, although it would put pressure on price levels. A recent upsurge in inflationary pressures has persuaded the Federal Reserve to lean towards higher short-term interest rates, although it seems to disregard policy-induced price rises when considering the level of interest rates.

The administration needs to get its programme through the Senate, or otherwise it will face further erosion of authority, which would make senators even more confident and rebellious. For the struggling economy, the political uncertainties are the worst news and certainly outweigh the supposed economic damage that would be caused by the energy tax or any alternative.

☐ **Library criticised:** The publication of 173,000 pages of private papers by Justice Thurgood Marshall, the late liberal chief justice, by the Library of Congress, detailing the inner workings of the Supreme Court and its drift to the right in the 1980s, has led to an exchange of recriminations and justifications between the court and library.

While the papers contain no sensations, they highlight how the Supreme Court, an institution shrouded in secrecy, operates behind closed doors and how judges engage in heavy arm-twisting and coalition politics in order to secure a majority in the nine-member court. The dispute is about whether it was right for the library to publish material that concerns recent cases and whether Marshall, who died this year, intended to have his papers made available to the wider public. In a rare public comment, William Rehnquist, the chief justice, rebuked the library for its "bad judgment".

Irwin Stelzer, page 25

Role reversal

Washington: The Clinton administration was hastily backtracking yesterday after a top State Department official had outlined the sharply reduced world leadership role that he said America planned to assume now the Cold War was over (Martin Fletcher writes).

In a speech that could portend a significant shift in the established international order, the official said that the US no longer had the political will or economic resources to intervene in conflicts around the world on behalf of others. The official, a top policymaker who was addressing reporters off the record, said if necessary America would act unilaterally where its own strategic interests were directly threatened, but otherwise only as part of a collective effort.



Steps to freedom: Xu Wenli, China's "special prisoner No. 1", walking to his Peking home yesterday with his wife Kang Tong, left, and daughter Xu Jing, after his release from prison. The Communist authorities reached into their bottomless pool of political prisoners to exchange Mr Xu for billions of dollars of trade with the United States (Jonathan Mirsky, East Asia Editor, writes). Peking made the deal more attractive by knocking three years off the 15-year sentence, most of it served in solitary confinement, for publishing a politically incorrect magazine. Again, it was the Sino-American calculus — what is a human life worth in exchange for "most favoured nation" trading status? This week the Clinton administration looked the other way while thousands of Tibetans clashed with Chinese security forces armed with automatic weapons and tear gas. The trade-off is Peking's support in the UN during the Bosnian crisis and thousands of American jobs. Hong Kong, too, will be grateful. Yesterday it was Peking's turn to make a gesture, characteristically minimal, although important for the man involved. In 1981, after the closure in Peking of a site for dissident posters known as Democracy Wall, Xu, now 49, was jailed for publishing the magazine *April 5 Forum*.

Hong Kong presses for open talks

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong legislature yesterday passed a motion urging Britain to disclose details of Sino-British talks on the territory's future.

The motion by Yeung Sum, a liberal legislator, was passed by 25 votes to 14 in the 60-member Legislative Council. It calls on Britain to disclose details after each round of talks with China on arrangements for the 1995 local legislative elections.

Sino-British negotiations on Hong Kong began in Peking last month and the fourth round is to be held on Friday. China opposes the proposals by Chris Patten, the governor, for wider voter participation in the 1995 elections, saying it breaches the Basic Law under which Peking will govern Hong Kong when it reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

Michael Sze, Hong Kong's secretary for constitutional affairs, told the legislature that the Sino-British talks will remain confidential. Mr Sze said that if the government were to report after each round on exactly what has been said across the table, it could not be helpful to the negotiators.

The Hong Kong government announced on Monday that it has appointed an independent panel to study whether Mr Patten should pay income tax. The creation of the panel follows the decision by the Queen earlier this year to pay income tax. Mr Patten earns $HK178,000 (£14,800) a month.

A government statement said the three-member panel has been asked to finish its work as soon as possible.

☐ **Peking:** The southern city of Canton will build China's biggest international airport at the cost of 10 billion yuan (£1.18 billion), Xinhua news agency reported.

Three highways and an electric railway will link the airport with the city, 17 miles away. Construction will start next June and the airport is expected to be in service by October 1997. Initially there will be two runways, 4,000 yards and 3,700 yards long, with more planned.

More than ten million passengers are expected to pass through the airport, in the capital of Canton province, this year.

Just across the border from the province, Hong Kong is also planning a controversial new airport. *(Reuter)*

Sihanouk predicts rebel fall

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

THE huge turnout in United Nations-sponsored elections in Cambodia is a historic defeat for the Khmer Rouge, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's interim head of state, said yesterday.

Prince Sihanouk told a French parliamentary delegation that the murderous communist group, which has boycotted the elections, "will be wiped out of history in the future". He added: "This is a historic defeat for the Khmer Rouge. They will not be able to recover from that blow."

The prince, who returned here just before the start of the election — now in the fourth of six days' polling, and in which an extraordinary 85 per cent of the electorate have cast their votes — later renounced his proposals for a four-party administration that would include the Khmer Rouge.

"I leave it solely to the new government arising out of these elections to decide [on] the inclusion of the Khmer Rouge in a future government," he said.

Prince Sihanouk's comments are likely to enrage Khmer Rouge leaders, already smarting from the rebuff administered by Cambodia's voters. More than 4.1 million of 4.7 million of those who registered have voted, on occasion disregarding shelling attacks.

Khmer Rouge guerrillas can do little about it: they have singularly failed to live up to their promise to disrupt the elections which, diplomats say, have been a triumph for the UN operation. "Cambodians have broken through their own Berlin Wall," a Moroccan UN peacekeeper said.

But a UN expert said: "The polling is not over, and there could still be unpleasant surprises."

First results in the election, in which there are two main parties, the Vietnam-installed Phnom Penh regime and the royalists, are expected at the weekend.

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Hoax claims spark debate on praised book by Aids boy

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE tale of 15-year-old Anthony Godby Johnson is one to freeze the blood: abused, starved and beaten by his parents who allowed their friends to rape him, four years ago he ran away to the protection of a New York family and a new life. Then he discovered he was dying of Aids.

Tony's harrowing autobiography, *A Rock and a Hard Place*, was published to acclaim earlier this month. *USA Today* wrote a lachrymose piece about "the boy with a powerful will to love", and reviewers heaped equal praise on Tony's courage and his sophisticated prose style.

The only problem, however, with this true story of a child's tragedy is that it may be fiction. This week *Newsweek* published a review pointing out that "there is no evidence that Tony exists beyond a telephone voice that may — or may not — be that of a 15-year-old boy ... the litany of Tony's non-sightings could populate an Elvis convention".

The magazine said that neither Paul Monette, the writer who wrote the introduction, nor his agent, nor his publishers, had met Tony. Even Jack Godby, an Aids counsellor adopted by Tony as a father and whose name he uses, has never seen him.

The woman who says she is Tony's adoptive mother insists that because he has Aids, tuberculosis, pneumonia and a fever nobody may visit him. The woman also says friends of Tony's parents (allegedly serving 25 years to life for child abuse) have threatened revenge.

The only contact journalists have been able to make with Tony is by telephone — a voice, says *Newsweek* writer Michele Ingrassia, "that could belong to a woman as convincingly as a boy", and which shows no evidence of suffering from chronic illness.

Tony's parents have never been identified and the district attorney's office has no record of a such a case.

Crown publishers have rejected the suggestion that Tony is a fake, saying they support the book's veracity "absolutely and without reservation", while Mr Monette said: "There's no way this kid doesn't exist. I talked to him every night for over a year."

The Guatemalan coup

Serrano blames drugs 'mafia'

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

WHEN the Guatemalan president, Jorge Serrano, appeared on state television to announce that he had suspended the constitution and dissolved Congress and the supreme court, most Guatemalans as well as the outside world were taken by surprise.

In his dawn broadcast on Tuesday, and later in a press conference, the president complained of a breakdown in law and order and the penetration of drug-money corruption in parliament, the courts and the press.

Observers suspect Señor Serrano is being manipulated by the military, which has made no secret of its desire for a strong hand against left-wing rebels and a popular opposition movement.

Another factor in the coup is President Serrano's domestic popularity, which fell recently to only 17 per cent after he won a surprise election two years ago as a political outsider.

Sources close to Señor Serrano say he been toying with the idea of a constitutional coup ever since President Fujimori of Peru did much the same thing in April last year.



As in Peru, Señor Serrano is taking a gamble in going over the heads of politicians to appeal directly to public frustration with inefficient and corrupt government. In recent weeks there have been violent demonstrations against government cuts in state subsidies and an increase in electricity charges.

Interviewed on Mexican TV, Señor Serrano spoke of a plot by "the drug-trafficking mafia" to control the country. "The value of drugs we confiscated last year is almost the equivalent of the national budget," he said. "Are we talking about a real democracy or a façade with democracy painted on the outside, corrupted within by the drug-trafficking mafia?"

Diplomats confirm worries about the influence of drug money, saying Guatemala is an important trans-shipment point for Colombian cocaine heading for America, and has become a leading producer of opium for heroin traffickers in Mexico.

Señor Serrano said "mysterious forces" were behind the recent demonstrations which were "excessively aggressive" and had no popular support. After one demonstrator was shot dead by police and another wounded, he president said he felt compelled "to put a stop to it".

Señor Serrano is bitter about his recent treatment in the press, which he says is also tainted by drug money. In January, Señor Serrano, a "born again" evangelical, was filmed leaving a topless nightclub in New York. He was infuriated when reporters were reluctant to believe his explanation that he had entered the club by mistake.

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Pakistan judges restore Nawaz Sharif to power

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

■ Pakistan's president has had his wings clipped by the Supreme Court. Political calculations are in confusion and the country faces a damaging period of drift

PAKISTAN was thrown into political chaos yesterday by a Supreme Court ruling that the dismissal last month of Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, was unconstitutional. The court ordered him restored to power and declared the dissolution of the national assembly null and void.

The ruling, by ten votes to one, was announced to a packed courtroom after 90 minutes of deliberation. A crowd outside shouted: "Long live Nawaz Sharif." Addressing his supporters, Mr Sharif said the judgement was a victory for democracy. "I congratulate the whole nation for today's victory." He is expected to take a confidence vote when the restored national assembly meets today.

Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister, has had her reputation further diminished by the ruling and her strategy for returning to power has been left in ruins. She said the judgement was not likely to resolve the political crisis. "It is ironic that my democratically elected government was not restored."

The decision has dealt a blow to the prestige and power of Mr Ishaq Khan, the bureaucrat-turned-politician who sacked Mr Sharif on the grounds of corruption and terrorising his political opponents. He also dismissed Miss Bhutto's government in August 1990 on the grounds of corruption, a move described by Miss Bhutto at the time as a constitutional coup.

Yesterday his spokesman said the president accepted the court verdict. "President Ghulam Ishaq Khan held the country's judiciary in the highest of esteem and would respect the judgement given by the Supreme Court in the constitutional petition of Nawaz Sharif in that spirit," he said. Despite the ruling, the president has indicated that he had no intention of resigning.

No president will ever again be able to sack a government with such impunity. That means the power of the presidency has been reduced significantly, while the position of the prime minister's office has been bolstered. The army, which sided with Mr Ishaq Khan against Mr Sharif, has no wish to take power but will be concerned that the political apparatus has all but collapsed and the country faces a period of drift.

Mr Sharif cannot return to power with any authority, since many in his own Muslim League deserted him and sided with Miss Bhutto in the hope of personal reward, leaving the party — always divided — in worse condition than ever. All four provincial assemblies — in Punjab, Sind, North West Frontier Province and Baluchistan — are hostile to Mr Sharif, a formidable obstacle to any attempts to resurrect the old government and cabinet.

A general election is due in July, but it is possible that an earlier poll will be summoned to try to restore a measure of stability. Miss Bhutto had looked like staging a comeback this summer; it is now impossible to say how she might fare, since the political jigsaw has shattered and nobody knows what shape it might take. Since Pakistani politics are based principally on opportunism, and influenced by bribes, the possible permutations are endless.

The Supreme Court said that any actions taken by the caretaker government installed after Mr Sharif's dismissal were rescinded. It declared that the president had not acted within his constitutional powers and his dismissal of the government was illegal.

The caretaker government applied immediately for a review of the decision and asked for the ruling to be suspended in the meantime; the court agreed to accept the review but insisted that the ruling must be implemented immediately. The caretaker government took over on April 18 under the leadership of Balkh Sher Mazari, a wealthy landowner. The cabinet grew to 62 members from a host of parties to satisfy an array of political interests.

One possible scenario is that a vote of no-confidence will be tabled in the national assembly against Mr Sharif. He could lose such a move, depending on the outcome of behind-the-scenes horse-trading. A few days ago Mr Sharif, anticipating the Supreme Court ruling in his favour, said he expected "another conspiracy" to keep him out of power.



Rule of law: Nawaz Sharif in Islamabad yesterday after the supreme court overruled his dismissal by the president

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fears grow for East Timor rebel

London: Xanana Gusmao, the East Timor rebel leader, has been on hunger strike since he was jailed for life on Friday for fighting against Indonesian occupation (David Watts writes). His family fears for his survival.

Poles apart

Warsaw: The Polish government's chances of survival receded after talks between Hanna Suchocka, the prime minister, left-wing allies and rivals. The main stumbling block is progress on economic reforms. *(Reuter)*

Jewels stolen

Cannes: Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi millionnaire, has told French police that a burglar stole jewels worth £2 million from his fiat while about 400 police were guarding the closing ceremony of the Cannes film festival. *(Reuter)*

Brando ruling

New York: Cheyenne Brando, 23, daughter of the actor, was cleared in French Polynesia of complicity in the 1990 killing of Dag Drollett, her lover. An enquiry found insufficient proof to warrant a trial.

Police pressed to explain timing of raids on radicals

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JOHANNESBURG

A DAY, never mind a week, is a long time in South African politics. On Monday, hopes were high that, before the end of the month, a date would be set for non-racial elections.

One of those expressing optimism then was the general secretary of the black radical Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), Benny Alexander. But in the early hours of Tuesday, police burst into his home, confiscated documents, and placed him briefly under arrest.

Mr Alexander has fared better than more than 70 others, including almost the entire executive of the PAC, who were also picked



Alexander: had been optimistic about poll

up on suspicion of being involved in serious crime, including murder. Twenty-four hours later, only a handful had been released, but not one had been charged.

The police are under pressure to show that they had good cause to make the arrests, which have put the constitutional talks in jeopardy. The PAC is threatening to reject negotiations unless the government meets its demands.

Clarence Makwetu, the PAC president, said yesterday: "The arrest of national executive council members has made it virtually impossible, effectively and meaningfully, to continue participating in the negotiating process." He said that PAC demands included the immediate release of all 72 members arrested on Tuesday. Other demands are that the government repairs damage to property, indicates what documents have been photocopied, and apologises for its actions.

The timing of the nationwide operation has been questioned by moderate figures such as Colin Eglin, of the Democratic Party. He said on state televison that Hernus Kriel, the law and order minister, should have known the damage the raids would cause, and should be dismissed.

The seeds of this crisis were planted in March, when Mr Kriel tried to get the PAC to renounce the armed struggle. He met the armed wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla). By then, Apla had been linked to the random shooting of white civilians, including the massacre of patrons at a golf club in the Eastern Cape last year.

The talks failed, and Apla declared 1993 "the year of the great storm", in which whites could expect to be targets. Since the beginning of the year, 35 white farmers have been killed by gangs, believed by security forces to be members of Apla.

It was against this background that a retired South African Defence Force general, Constand Viljoen, has emerged to lead a new right-wing front to fight for Afrikaner rights. His biggest criticism has been the failure to crack down on black terrorists.

Despite the resurgence of the right, a senior PAC official, Maxwell Nemadzivhanani, boasted on Sunday that white farmers were legitimate targets.

Police saw this as the signal to act, but the raids have opened up divisions in the cabinet about whether such moves are wise.

Arabs' trade boycott of Israel crumbles

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

AFTER four decades of economic warfare, the Arab League boycott against companies which do business with Israel is crumbling, although no formal announcement has been made.

Although the boycott office in Damascus still exists, realities in the Middle East have made its activities less effective since the American and Russian-sponsored peace process began in Madrid 18 months ago. The most obvious example is the welcome availability of Coca-Cola in many Arab states that had barred it, including Jordan and Saudi Arabia, although the company still does a thriving business with Israel.

Another factor was the 1991 Gulf war. After the war, the embargo's effect dwindled so much that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia told suppliers to disregard questions on commercial documents that dealt with company ties to Israel.

Other key pointers that the boycott is losing its power include a statement in April from Shaikh Salem Sabah al-Salem, the Kuwaiti foreign minister, about plans to lift the embargo partially, and moves by the Kuwaiti and Saudi authorities to advise companies on how to skirt the ban.

Earlier this month, Germany joined the United States in passing laws making it illegal for German companies to co-operate with the boycott. It is also known that Japanese products are now pouring into Israeli ports.



Alice Thomson on the strains imposed by the battlefield on the wives of the warriors



Not all marriages are defeated by the pressures of war: a joyful return this month by men of the Cheshire regiment to their families after six months in Bosnia

Marriages under fire

In times of war the public seem to prefer their women as Barbie dolls rather than action men. Most women return to their pre-feminist roles as life-givers and mothers and are swiftly relegated to the backline.

General Robert H. Barrow, commander of the U.S. Marines in 1982 summed it up when he was asked what he thought of women combat troops. "War", he said, "is a man's work. Biological convergence on the battlefield would not only be dissatisfying in terms of what women could do, but it would be an enormous psychological distraction for the male who wants to think that he is fighting for that women somewhere behind, not up there in the same foxhole with him. It tramples the male ego.

"When you get right down to it, you have to protect the manliness of war."

The problem is that men often do not want the woman that far behind and, for many, falling in love in wartime is one of the easiest ways of getting through the whole process. According to fellow officers, Lt-Col Bob Stewart, the Cheshire regiment's media hero, has said that his marriage is over, although he denies having an relationship with a Bosnian woman. But many others have found romance at the front line.

In Virgil's *Aeneid* the men formed passionate relationships with each other. Nisus and Euryalus fell in love and made a night attack from a Trojan camp slaying everything in sight before being killed together; Shakespeare, in *Troilus and Cressida* and *Antony and Cleopatra*, took advantage of the dramatic impact of lovers dying together in war.

Civil wars have produced some of the most exceptional love affairs. At the end of the English civil war, the Royalists were beseiged for weeks at Goodrich castle. A young soldier in the castle had fallen in love with a local girl and now could not reach her. So she fired him an arrow with a message detailing how to cross enemy lines and meet her at the River Wye. The young man had only just managed to embrace his sweetheart when the troops discovered his escape and the lovers in their panic galloped over a cliff and plunged to their deaths.

British officers in Vitez are under intense pressure, negotiating with Croatian militiamen one moment and Muslim snipers the next. They have had few women to distract them but also few to provide reassurance, which is where the interpreters come in. Most are young Bosnian women with university degrees and fluent English, who may have suffered appalling family tragedies but have volunteered to work for the British Army. Their role is crucial in pacifying militiamen, negotiating with inhabitants and sometimes calming officers. They are in great demand at mess parties.

The cynical will see these situations as a woman's ticket out of the killing fields, but the officers respect their bravery and often become deeply attached. On one occasion last December, a UN relief lorry accidently ran over a drunken man's horse. The man had a live grenade in his pocket. The Croats threatened the Cheshire regiment, the drunk began to sway dangerously but it was only when the irregulars began to manhandle the interpreter that the British nearly lost their cool.

The second world war brought a huge increase in marriage; the divorce rate subsequently shot up from 9,970 in 1938 to 47,000 in 1945. "There is something about the intensity of war that brings people together and then throws them apart. People's emotions were so intense. You danced as though there was no tomorrow and if someone proposed you felt churlish saying no," says Penny Ritchie Calder, who as exhibition officer for the Forces Sweethearts exhibition at the Imperial War Museum has spent months going through old letters.

> 'In war it is more intense, because there is no time for reverence or civilised behaviour'

"I don't think it was all sex. People saw such horrific things they needed human comfort. One married chap, Vernon Dormer, serving with the Royal Military Police, fell passionately in love. He went back to his wife but when she died two years ago he married his former love. Another woman, a farmer's wife, fell in love and ran off with a PoW who was working for them. Wartime gave people a chance to be free."

During the Gulf war local women were noticeably absent. The American army prohibited women by federal law from combat roles but provided rest and recreation boats for the soldiers every few weeks. There were 29,000 women in support roles but only one wartime marriage, when Captain Angus McLeod and Captain Tina Fenton met and married in the first case of a couple using the Wartime Marriage Act since 1945. There was a Scud attack on their honeymoon night.

In the Gulf, wives and girl friends sent Valentines from home, men kept coils of their girl's hair, intimate photos and in one case even toenail clippings; but they were scant consolation in the face of tragedy.

Lindy Oliver, who was sent out to the Gulf as part of the Combined Services Entertainment, says: "Being in the Gulf was brilliant. We were the first cabaret out there and they smuggled us into Kuwait so we could do shows in hangars on up-turned lorries. I've been to the Falklands and Northern Ireland. Soldiers are not allowed to proposition us but all most of them want is friendship and someone to talk to without having to be macho."

According to Cary Cooper, professor of psychology at Manchester University: "In situations where there is a lot of stress, there will be a lot of camaraderie. You see the same pattern with executives who are under intense pressure, who work long hours and have serious responsibility. You become isolated from those at home but need to share your concerns. In war it is more intense, because there is no time for reverence or civilised behaviour. But usually everything settles back to normal when you return."

But what about the wives that get left at home often with very little to do to while away the time? Lizzie Stewart, wife of Lt-Col Bob Stewart, is meant to be the classic army wife who has waited at home for her husband. In an interview last month she said she would be cooking him roast beef and Yorkshire pudding on his return.

Antony Oglesby, who provides support for all three services at the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmens Families Association, is reassuring: "I was 37 years in the navy and I fell in love in war and in peace many times. War doesn't make a huge difference. It just escalates decisions. Of course wives worry, but they are usually more concerned about their husbands getting shot.

"The hard part for an army woman is finding out the reality of army life and accepting that the handsome man in uniform that she married is going to be away for four months of the year. Once they have accepted that, they are usually tough enough to cope with a few marital hiccups."

The chicks and the egghead

This year's Science Book prizewinner explores the mysteries of memory

In a world growing grey as its population ages, loss of memory poses the most chilling threat. Without our memories, we are nothing: they represent our identity and personality, which is why the emptiness of Alzheimer's disease is such an alarming prospect.

Professor Steven Rose, winner of this year's Science Book Prize for *The Making of Memory* (Bantam Press), has spent 20 years trying to tease out the mechanisms of memory in a long series of experiments on chicks. This week, he was testing a new range of drugs that may be able to reduce the worst effects of degenerative brain disease.

"Nothing is going to cure Alzheimer's, or eliminate all its effects," he says, "but there is now a real prospect that drugs that regulate the movement of calcium between cells could prove at least a palliative."

All science requires a model, and Professor Rose's is the one-day-old chick. They are, he says, ideal for the task because they begin to learn about their environment from the moment they hatch.

Their memories may not be as complex as those released in Marcel Proust by dipping the madeleine in his tea, but there is no reason to suppose that biochemically they are any different. Professor Rose trains the chicks by getting them to peck at small bright beads, learning to avoid those which have been dipped in a bitter-tasting liquid. The experience, he has shown, produces identifiable changes in the chick's brains, restructuring their neurones and synapses in particular regions of the brain.



Rose: memory man

An hour later, he offers the beads again. The chicks that experienced the bitter beads give them, literally, a beady look. "They have learnt, and now remember, that the bead has a bad taste, and their behaviour has changed accordingly," he says. "What goes on inside the chick's head so that its behaviour changes so decisively? I call it learning, memory, remembering."

Not the least of the virtues of his book is the clarity and directness with which Professor Rose explains his procedures. He warns the squeamish that the process may upset them, for it requires the chicks to be killed, their heads chopped off, their brains removed and examined slice-by-slice to identify the changes.

"It is not easy or pleasant to reduce a bundle of yellow fluff to brain and body," Professor Rose writes, quoting Jonathan Swift's remark: "Last week I saw a woman flayed and you will hardly believe how much it altered her person for the worse." As a founder member more than 20 years ago of the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science, he is well aware that killing animals in the name of curiosity needs to be justified.

His laboratory at the Open University has been picketed by animal rights activists, but he does not hide behind the customary euphemisms. In his scientific papers, his animals are killed, not sacrificed, or — worst of all — "euthanased" (as if they had any choice in the matter).

"I can justify what I do, but no one would ever say that killing an animal is something you should do without proper justification, and thinking hard about it," he says. But he believes that the taking of the chicks' lives is justified by the increased non-trivial knowledge it will bring about the memory, which he sees as the key to understanding the brain as a whole.

So what has he learnt? First, it has been clear for a long time that there are no magic "memory molecules" created in the brain as a storehouse of past events. What memory actually consists of is a rich network of connections between brain cells. There are more than 10,000 million cells in the brain, and the connections between them, called synapses, are 100,000 times as numerous. It is in the construction of these links — their strength, structure and chemistry — that memory lies.

The chicks that learn about the bitter flavour record the experience, first by stronger chemical signals across the synapses, and then by the activation of genes that synthesise protein molecules in the synaptic membrane.

Professor Rose and his group have identified some of these proteins, which he calls "memory-associated glycoproteins" and have also found drugs that can block the process by which they are made.

The proteins are not themselves memories, but their presence increases the size of a particular synapse. "Within a few hours of a chick pecking a bead", he writes, "we can measure an increase in the numbers and sizes of its synapses under the microscope. We can even show that the electrical signalling properties of the synapses change as the chick learns."

But memory is not fixed, either in place or time. Just as our memories can be recalled in many unexpected ways, flooding back unbidden as did Proust's, it seems that the chicks learn to file the bitter taste in many different locations of their brains. They remember the bead by its shape, colour, size and context, using different regions of the brain for each.

Each time the memory is recalled it is rebuilt, so that in the end we cannot really be sure we are remembering something, or simply remembering a memory. President Reagan recalled having fought in the second world war, although in fact he had only appeared in films about it. In just the same way, all our memories are overlaid and enriched by the process of remembering them.

Professor Rose's book is a deserving winner of Rhone-Poulenc's £10,000 prize not only for its meticulous description of how a scientist works, but also for its openness. The prize was established by the Committee on the Public Understanding of Science and the Science Museum in 1987, and few winners since then have better exemplified the objectives of the competition.

"I wanted to demystify science and make it plain," Professor Rose says. "Science is not just about announcing the results of experiments from on high, it's a part of the society in which we live.

"I also wanted to try to bring the two halves of my life together, the subjective and the objective. I am trying to lay open my craft, to explore not only memory in the abstract, but also how it might be that, in researching my chicks' memory, I can begin to make sense of my own."

● The winner in the junior category of the Science Book Prize, also worth £10,000, was *Mighty Microbes*, by Thompson Yardley (Cassell).

NIGEL HAWKES

Putting a cap on diplomacy

Is there still a role for expensive embassies in our modern world?

Shortly after his appointment as governor of Bermuda, Lord Waddington, the former home secretary, agreed to judge the Miss Bermuda competition. Dressed in his plumed hat he presided over the choice of a white girl as the island's greatest beauty. Half the audience walked out in protest. Her Majesty's representative was immediately in trouble. The plumed hat made everything worse. Was this the image that John Major's classless Britain wished to display to the world?

Today, confronted by mounting pressures on the public purse and a deep-rooted hostility towards representative diplomacy, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, will set out the case for maintaining Britain's costly presence abroad in a speech to the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House. Despite the increasing role played by diplomats promoting and defending Britain's interests abroad, the image of the diplomatic service remains one of Lord Waddington and friends in plumed hats and gold braid, attending endless cocktail parties at the taxpayers' expense. Chris Patten's first decision as governor of Hong Kong was to throw out the hat.

Where the status of Britain's overseas representatives has really been undermined is by developments in international travel and communications. In an age when ministers can fly anywhere in a day, and exchange views by satellite in an instant, some believe that embassies have outlived their usefulness and are a luxury we can no longer afford. This sense of anachronism is heightened by the fact that diplomats are still recruited disproportionately from Oxbridge, and often housed in embassies with a magnificence their fellow citizens could barely imagine.

The foreign office (including BBC World Service, British Council and Overseas Development Administration) costs the Treasury £1.36 billion a year. The diplomatic wing, which includes 1,200 diplomats in 214 posts in 182 countries, costs around £700 million a year.

The foreign office is being squeezed. International peacekeeping alone is expected to cost an extra £200 million this year. Savings have to be found.

The squeeze has coincided with other pressures for change. Indeed, in five to ten years' time, the consular, commercial and chancery functions of Britain's overseas embassies and high commissions will be radically different. National consular services inside the European Community will gradually be replaced by a unified service — Greek will queue alongside Brit to seek advice from a Spaniard.

Negotiations are under way to provide EC nationals with equal access to a common union consulate outside Europe. If successful, the union consulate could reverse the Cinderella image of consular services, the only public service provided by the Foreign Office, but one which has been found lacking in the face of a huge upsurge in demand from stranded tourists.

Similarly, the commercial functions of Britain's overseas representatives are also under the Treasury spotlight. However, the Institute of Export fears that any attempt to contract out export research work would result in increased costs which could discriminate against small businesses. Isn't export promotion too serious to be left to enthusiastic generalists who move on after three years?

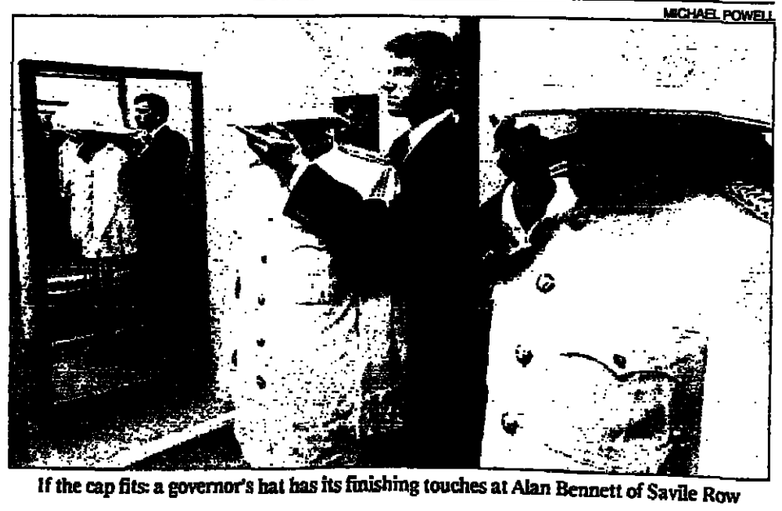
Reporting back to London remains the main, and the most prestigious, role of Britain's overseas posts. But with the exception of Washington and Brussels, the telegrams dispatched by most chanceries are rarely read by anyone higher than first secretary. Reducing the flow of information without undermining Britain's early warning system is an impossible task. Whether we like it or not, some of the smaller embassies, where Britain's interests are marginal, will have to be sacrificed.

Entertaining expenses are already tightly controlled. The danger is that our diplomats will project an image of an ungenerous, unexciting, down-at-heel country.

Britain could never entirely opt out of the system, as suggested by a few radicals who call for the foreign office to be replace by a fax machine. But Mr Hurd's speech should raise a number of pertinent questions. Is the foreign service still too remote and too full of staff who dislike Britain? Are our embassies in the wrong place?

And if we had a modern, classless, Majorite diplomatic service, would anyone want to meet them?

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If the cap fits: a governor's hat has its finishing touches at Alan Bennett of Savile Row

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A new drug for epileptics, consequences of a multiple birth, and the tree used to root out an old problem

Pill that fits the bill



SOME time ago, the Queen's Regiment was joined by a young officer. His match-winning skills as a hockey player were soon recognised, but it was also noticed that his performance on the wing was marred by lapses of attention so that, occasionally, he missed an easy pass.

Such was his ability that his team-mates tolerated his apparent day-dreaming. It was only when the medical officer watched a game that the truth was revealed: the missed passes were the result of epilepsy.

The hockey player illustrates several features of epilepsy, which should be thought of as a group of symptoms rather than a single disease.

It does not, as is usually believed, always manifest itself as a generalised convulsion, in which the tonic phase, a generalised spasm, is followed by the clonic phase, with jerking limbs.

Epilepsy has many different manifestations, ranging from a momentary loss of attention to the generalised convulsion: in 90 per cent of cases it is first apparent before the age of 20. A description of the symptoms by witnesses is important because it enables the neurologist to classify the type of seizure and thereafter choose the most suitable treatment.

Treatment is usually with drugs, but improved scanning techniques have demonstrated that a greater number of patients can now be helped by surgery.

There are 30,000 new cases of epilepsy diagnosed in Britain each year. Improved diagnosis and more exact treatment means that between 70 and 80 per cent of patients are (or could be if they always took their drugs) seizure-free. Unfortunately, either because they find it hard to come to terms with the diagnosis, or because they cannot tolerate the side-effects, up to 40 per cent of patients are lax about their drug schedule.

Despite the improvement in diagnosis, until three years ago there had been no major advance for 20 years. Three new drugs have recently become available: one, Neurontin gabapentin, this week. The new anti-convulsants show great promise in the treatment of patients who continue to have seizures despite taking their pills, and could, perhaps when used in combination with existing drugs, revolutionise the lives of many people who have failed to respond to present-day anti-convulsants.

The great advantage which treatment with neurontin offers is that, so far as is known, it is effective but remarkably free of side-effects, so that patients are much more likely to take it. It is a great mixer, and does not react badly with other drugs. It can even be taken with the contraceptive pill. It is not recommended for use for children.

The other two new anti-convulsant drugs are Sabril vigabatrin, made by Merrell Dow, and Lamictal triazine, by Wellcome. There are particularly encouraging reports on the use of Sabril for treatment of epileptic children. It is all important to prevent seizures in this age group, as continued attacks may make the epilepsy worse.



MEDICAL BRIEFING
Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Six born into controversy



THE sextuplets born to Jean Gibbins and Jan Vince will have inevitably harmed both the reputation and morale of research workers in fertility units. It will also have made their task of raising funds for further treatment and research more difficult. Contrary to what the general public has assumed, Ms Gibbins did not receive either IVF or GIFT, the two forms of test tube insemination, but was given only clomiphene, a very effective drug for the treatment of women who are not ovulating.

There is always a risk, estimated at 7.9 per cent, of multiple births in patients taking clomiphene.

Before taking clomiphene, the pelvis should be examined by ultrasound, as the presence of ovarian cysts makes this treatment undesirable. A possible exception to this rule is polycystic ovarian disease. But even in this condition, the drug may be used only very tentatively with ultrasound examinations to assess the situation in order that the chance of multiple pregnancies may be minimalised.

No patient should be prescribed clomiphene unless she has been clinically assessed, and a careful examination of the ovaries has been carried out by a doctor experienced in pelvic examinations.

Yews on target against cancer

THERE IS a fine memorial in his Norfolk village church to Sir Thomas Erpingham, the commander of the bowmen at Agincourt, responsible for the English victory. Fable has it that ever since Agincourt, yew trees have been planted in churchyards so that bow-makers would never be short of their raw materials.



Yew trees are now in demand again, not as weapons of war, or even as ornaments in a formal garden, but to save lives in the most sophisticated cancer wards of the world.

Yew trees contain taxoids which, inhibiting cell division in the tumour, act as a potent anti-cancer agent. The first taxoid to be prescribed was Taxol. Unfortunately it was made from the bark of the rare Pacific yew: harvesting it meant the destruction of the tree.

At the annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, of the American Society of Oncology — the study of malignant disease — research papers were presented which demonstrated the effectiveness of Taxotere, the taxoid extracted from the European yew. Taxotere is claimed to be less toxic than Taxol, and is made from the leaves rather than the bark. Hence the tree survives and can be "cropped" annually.

Chemists are more demanding than bowmen, and existing stocks of yews are inadequate to meet their demands. In Germany, plantations of yews have been established, whereas in Paris and Britain, research is under way to see whether Taxotere can be produced in the laboratory, rather than harvested from the churchyard.

Professor Tim Oliver, of the Royal London Hospital, says that although early results in the uses of Taxol and Taxotere in the treatment of ovarian, breast and some lung tumours have been encouraging, these drugs are no more than new weapons in the increasingly large armoury of chemotherapeutic agents available to treat cancer. It is just possible that the yew tree products may have a beneficial influence on the patients' immune system, as well as a cytotoxic effect on their tumours.

Why city life is one big choke

There is more pollen in the country, but hay fever strikes harder in the metropolis. **Aileen Ballantyne** reports on new research into the reasons

Hay fever, which started in earnest this week for the estimated one in six Britons who suffer from it, is more likely to strike after a day spent pounding concrete city streets than after a gentle meander through country hedgerows, according to the latest research findings.

The answer to this apparent paradox lies in the growing number of cars and lorries in urban areas. Their exhaust fumes make it far easier for even small amounts of pollen to provoke hay fever. Grass pollen counts — which reach their seasonal high in mid June — are, on average, about 50 per cent lower in towns than in rural areas. However, according to the Pollen Research Unit at the University of North London, the incidence of hay fever is higher in towns.

In the past 20 years, reported cases of hay fever in Britain have increased fourfold. Last year, a record 4.7 million people consulted their doctors for treatment, compared with 3.2 million in 1985.

Dr Jean Emberlin, the director of the unit — which monitors the level of pollen throughout Europe and provides the daily "pollen counts" broadcast by television and radio stations — points out that the higher incidence in towns is due to a complex series of interactions between pollution, pollen and the respiratory system.

First, nitrogen dioxide, which is produced wherever there are car and diesel exhaust fumes, appears to slow down the protective effect of the cilia, the tiny hairs, invisible to the naked eye, lining the inside of the nose. This, in turn, makes the nose lining more susceptible to the passage of allergens, so that even in small amounts they can cause a problem.

> 'There is no doubt that pollution is triggering attacks of hay fever'

Secondly, while pollen concentrations may be lower in the city, grass pollens, which are the culprits for 75 per cent of hay fever sufferers, are specifically designed by nature to travel hundreds of miles. From now until late July grass pollens could be present in large quantities in the atmosphere even when there is not a blade of grass to be seen for miles.

As well as making the nose more receptive to allergens, the pollutants present in car exhaust fumes can affect the pollen itself. The Pollen Research Unit has found that the allergenic proteins are washed off the pollen, then adhere to the dust present in a polluted atmosphere.

This process creates minute allergenic particles which, because they are so much smaller, can be breathed far more deeply into the lungs than pollen itself, thus increasing the risk of allergic reaction.

Pollution has also been shown to alter the chemical structure of the proteins on the surface of the pollen, making it potentially more allergenic. The research unit is now carrying out further studies on this aspect of pollution.

Some doctors would argue that the increased reported incidence of hay fever in towns compared to that in the country may be due to an increased tendency for town people to consult their doctors, while country dwellers just tolerate annoying and unpleasant conditions such as hay fever.

However, the Pollen Research Unit points to studies in Japan which show that people who live near polluted highways are more likely to develop hay fever than those living in rural areas, and to studies of its own students which show an increased incidence of hay fever after moving to London.

Professor Robert Davies, consultant in respiratory medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, in London, who chairs the British Allergy Foundation, concludes that, as a result of pollution, hay fever is, in real terms, now more common in the city than in the countryside.

He points in particular to a study of children published in the *British Medical Journal* last year. This showed that hay fever rates in the former East Germany — where industrial pollution abounds, but car exhaust fumes were rare — were four times lower than in car-polluted West Germany.

In a recent controlled clinical trial of asthma sufferers at St Bartholomew's, Professor Davies showed that sufferers' symptoms significantly increased after they were exposed to car exhaust fumes. He is now conducting a similar trial on hay fever sufferers, the results of which will be available later this year.

Since the introduction of the Clean Air Act in 1956, which dealt with sulphur dioxide and smoke, we have paid little serious attention to the quality of air we breathe.

To those, like Professor Davies, who see the effects of car exhaust fumes on their patients on a daily basis, the risks of our present transport system are clearly beginning to outweigh its benefits.

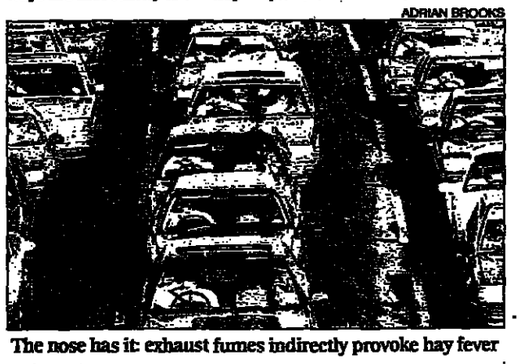
"There is no doubt that pollution is triggering attacks of hay fever," he says. "I think it's about time we found alternative ways of getting ourselves around."

PETER BAISTOW



A sight to bring a tear to the eye of any hay fever sufferer: but the perils of rural pollen are no match for the miseries caused by pollen plus pollution

ADRIAN BROOKS



The nose has it: exhaust fumes indirectly provoke hay fever

HAY FEVER: HOW TO AVOID IT

HAY FEVER appears to run in families and is known to be more common in babies born in May and June. If you or your partner have the condition, you should try to plan the birthdate of your child to avoid these times. Allergic sensitisation occurs in early life when the immune system is immature.

If hay fever runs in the family, avoiding smoking while pregnant is of particular importance because smoking produces more allergy antibodies in the blood. Coming from a hay fever family and having a mother who smoked during pregnancy greatly increases the chances of a baby developing the condition.

If you do have hay fever, safe highly effective treatments are now available. The time to start administering eye drops and anti-inflammatory steroid nose sprays is right now, as high pollen counts are just beginning, and before your symptoms start, because they have a protective effect.

Without treatment, inflammatory cells develop in the nose as the season progresses. This leads to an effect known as nasal priming, which means that as the inflammation gets worse it takes less and less pollen to provoke an attack.

Similarly, sodium cromoglycate eye drops are best used before symptoms develop; they prevent the release of mediators that cause allergic conjunctivitis. Other avoiding action includes: getting your partner to mow the lawn; driving with car windows closed, particularly on grassy-verged motorways; and, if at all possible, keeping bedroom windows closed.

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Women step back from the cutting edge

Surgery remains a profoundly macho profession, writes **Jeremy Laurance**

It takes balls to slice someone open, rearrange their internal organs and sew them up again. All the more so when it is done alone, late at night, on a patient close to death. But does that mean only men should wield the knife?

The number of surgeons who are female is tiny. Out of 3,500 at consultant level 75 are women — 2 per cent of the total. Unless these figures improve, standards will decline. Women account for more than half the students now admitted to medical schools and the proportion has been above 40 per cent for more than a decade. If surgery draws on only half the student pool, then the quality of its recruits will fall relative to those specialties that draw from the whole pool of talent.

Yet according to Isobel Allen, a senior researcher at the Policy Studies Institute who has monitored doctors' career choices for almost a decade, there is little evidence of change.

Two years ago the Royal College of Surgeons, backed by the health department, launched a scheme to encourage more women into surgery. Its impact, according to observers, has been limited. The macho world of the surgeon, in which six-hour emergency operations at the dead of night are commonplace, has proved hard for women to penetrate. The teamwork on which surgery depends, more than any other medical discipline, is fostered as much on the sports field and in the locker room as in the operating theatre.

"You do see more women in surgery at a junior level but they are still regarded as a separate breed, not part of the club," said Hilary, a surgeon of above average ability who obtained her fellowship of the Royal College more than a decade ago but failed to win a consultant post. "The view is that any woman who goes into surgery has got to be a tough cookie, a bit odd, and if you do something not quite right you are marked as unsound. Or you are regarded as too nice. One consultant said to me it was good to have me on the team because I was so nice to the relatives. My role was to make the coffee."

The lack of a role model is felt keenly by women surgeons struggling to make an impact in a world where male values prevail. "It is the loneliest feeling in the world when you are operating alone late at night on a patient who is rapidly going downhill and the anaesthetist looks at you and asks how long you are going to be," said Hilary (it is not her real name). "Everything hinges on you. You go to bed wondering whether you have done all right and if next morning the patient is doing badly you take it all on yourself."

Senior surgeons like to see people with the "right stuff" coming up the ladder and patronage is important. Playing golf with the consultant is recognised as something junior surgeons do to further their careers. Women on the other hand are more often patronised. After one job interview, a male consultant surgeon suggested to Hilary that she "wear a bit of make-up next time".

But little has been done to accommodate women's domestic needs. Opportunities for part-time training or job sharing are few. The expectation that junior surgeons will have reached a certain stage by a certain age puts those who take time off to have children at a disadvantage. Susan Spindler, a BBC producer who made a series of programmes following a group of medical students through their course at St Mary's medical school in London, said most recognised that a career in surgery would be incompatible with motherhood and a normal domestic life. "You have to devote the whole of your life for ten or 15 years to surgery until you become a consultant."

The cream of the profession — such as Averil Mansfield, a consultant vascular surgeon at St Mary's — who are able and ambitious, can succeed. But it is the ordinarily competent women who are being elbowed out. Ms Mansfield, chairwoman of the Royal College's scheme to encourage more women surgeons, acknowledges the problem but rules out positive discrimination in favour of women. "None of us would want that. But if some women are having a hard time, we need to know about it to ensure that there are no unnecessary hurdles in their way."

So many male surgeons still regard their female colleagues as a useful shoulder for patients to cry on — and decorous companions at the hospital disco — that some sanction will almost certainly be necessary if more women are going to be persuaded to wield the knife.

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Philip Howard



A few precepts for those who have lost their marbles and agreed to speak

The Princess of Wales has been told by her new speech coach to practise speaking with marbles in her mouth. Peter Settelen, who once appeared in *Coronation Street*, massages the shoulders of his clients while they do this, a therapy more likely to make the nervous ones swallow their marbles than to improve their elocution. Mr Settelen's advice is not original. It was first given more than 23 centuries ago to Demosthenes, after his first public speech had been laughed out of court for its tortuous timidity. On the advice of the actor Satyrus, Demosthenes cured his stammer by practising speaking with pebbles in his mouth. For Diana and the rest who quiver at the thought of public speaking, here are a few more old oratorical precepts to fax to the memory:

1. Demosthenes cured his shortness of wind at the rostrum by declaiming poetry while running uphill. The puny hillocks in Kensington Gardens are not as suitable for this exercise as Mount Pentelikos, but those of us who travel by public transport could declaim Poems on the Underground in the rush hour to improve our confidence and stamina.

2. Demosthenes shaved one side of his head so that he would be too embarrassed to show himself in public while he was practising to become the greatest orator of the age. This treatment is not recommended for the princess, since her example would only encourage the already trichologically disadvantaged punks of Kensington in their excesses.

3. Do not accept invitations to speak in public a year ahead, on the ephemeral grounds that June 12 never comes. It does, it does.

4. Do not try to become an instant expert on the special subject of your audience. There is no time, and that is not what you have been invited for. Stick to what you know about better than they, if you can identify such a topic, and flatter them by making it clear that what you say is your own work, not a researcher's.

5. Write out your speech beforehand, at least in note form. But do not read it: speak it and act it to people in the audience. Teachers and actors have an advantage in this over shy slaves of the keyboard.

6. Far more public speeches flop by going on for too long than for stopping too soon. More speeches fail by trying to squeeze too much in than by running out of steam. Even 50 minutes passes in a flash, if you present your speech deliberately and stagily rather than gabbling.

7. Look as if you are enjoying yourself, even though you are probably not. Take it easy. Make a self-deprecating joke if you can think of one. Do not attempt an irrelevant humorous story, unless this is a genre at which you excel. On no account tell a salacious or suggestive story. Try not to drop your notes or pour out water, but if you must, do not panic but make a bit of relaxed theatre out of the distraction.

8. Do not rush things. This is easier said than done in front of an Autocue, because the inexperienced speaker goes faster and faster under the misapprehension that she has to keep up with the idiot-prompter. The reverse is the case. But the hot lights and the make-up and those bored looks on the faces of the technicians explain why all but brass-necked narcissists look shifty on the small screen.

9. Do not get carried away by the success of your verbosity, even in that moment of ecstasy when you stop and there is a polite ripple, or in your case, a tumult of applause. For most of us, speaking is like banging our heads against a wall: the pleasure comes when it is over. But Winston Churchill, who was a nervous speaker when he started, recognised the delusions of oratorical grandeur. When asked whether he was impressed to see 10,000 people gathered to hear him speak, he replied: "No — because ten times as many would come to see me hanged."

10. Relax. Be your natural charming self. Thank Hermes, god of the sound-bite, that it is not given to many of us to enjoy banging on in public like Charles James Fox or Lloyd George. But as speech day approaches, these precepts fly to the wind, like one's notes. The consolation is that if June 12 surely comes, June 13 cannot be far behind.



No charter for revolution

Any malaise among the political classes is only superficially about the monarchy. The real issue is the centralising of power

William Rees-Mogg

Last Saturday I went to the conference on the monarchy organised by Charter 88 and *The Times*, and made the closing speech from the platform. I thought the occasion was a useful one; it certainly confirmed my view that the monarchy is in no great danger from its present opponents. I would have welcomed a more robust royalism: tepid loyalty is a feeble support for the Crown.

Three views were expressed. To take individuals, Stephen Haseler best represented the republicans; Shirley Williams best represented the reformers, and Charles Moore the monarchists. Hardly anyone objected to modernisation of the way in which the monarchy works; most speakers thought a simplified and less costly royal apparatus would be more popular, as it was during the second world war. As the Queen has already moved in the reformers' direction, by agreeing to pay tax and cut down the civil list, the reformers and the monarchists can for practical purposes be regarded as in agreement, except perhaps on detail.

The republican case fell down on its lack of an alternative, on its lack of historical sense and at times on its sheer silliness. The republicans seemed to have no idea, let alone any agreement between themselves, what kind of republican presidency ought to replace the Queen. They had not addressed, let alone solved, the question of cohabitation, the relationship between a republican president and a republican prime minister. They seemed to favour retaining a parliamentary system, with a constitutional president enjoying approximately the Queen's present limited powers. They had no arguments for thinking that such a president would perform those functions anywhere near as successfully as the Queen has for the past 40 years.

The republicans argued on the basis of the superiority of democratic elections, apparently assuming that a democratically elected president would face a democratically elected parliament. It is hard to prevent two constitutional authorities, both democratically elected, from conflicting for power. Yet if the parliament nominates the president, he or she will be no more than a quango, appointed by the prime minister of the day and elected by the whips. Such a president would lack the Queen's authority as the ultimate protector of our constitution.

Yet the lack of a historical sense was even more damaging to the republican case. In the first world war three of the four major European monarchies were overthrown: those of Prussia, Russia and Austro-Hungary. The war which resulted in their overthrow cost tens of millions of lives; the revolutions and wars that followed cost tens of millions more. The power vacuum caused by their abolition let into power the European dictators, including Hitler and Stalin. Even the massacres in Bosnia today are long-term consequences of the collapse of the Austrian Empire: the structure of constitutional authority which existed in 1914 has not been successfully replaced, 80 years later. It would be crazy to throw out the Windsors when we have not yet replaced the Hapsburgs.

The Terror and the Napoleonic wars entailed a similar cost in human lives when the French monarchy was destroyed. These are events of a terrible kind, releasing great forces with effects that cannot be foreseen or controlled. Since 1640, none of the major European monarchies — England, France, Prussia, Austria, Russia, Italy, Spain — has been removed without bloodshed, without international war, civil war or revolution. That is because a monarchy, whatever its constitutional powers, is the focus of national loyalties. Once it is overthrown, the vacuum of power has to be filled.

The republicans at the Charter 88 conference seemed to have no measure of the forces with which they were dealing. They reminded me of the philosophers of the French revolution, people who thought they were debating abstract ideas and found themselves sentenced to the guillotine. If human history teaches anything, it is the difficulty and danger of changing the system of national authority, and the extreme foolishness of doing so when it is working in a benign way.

I was also struck, as many who watched the Channel 4 broadcast may have been, by the inadequacy of the majority of the imaginative writers when applying their minds to constitutional problems. They were like bishops talking about economics. There was the same assumption that a favoured point of view means that one need not have mastered the facts or read the books. A vague emotional resentment against anyone claiming authority or receiving loyalty did not seem to have developed into anything more coherent, and was unsympathetic in itself.

In a way, the debate was reassuring. Our modern British republicans are not the sort of people who make revolutions. Nobody would have seen this more clearly than Marx himself. Revolutions are made by great underlying changes in society, which bring new classes to power. The old structure is overthrown, as by an earthquake. The Marxist logic starts with changes in systems of production, passes through the new class grouping created by the new production methods and creates a new constitutional structure which represents the new class. Such a Marxist analysis was not put forward last Saturday, and hardly could have been.

The current change in world production methods consists in the use of electronic communication systems. This has produced a new bourgeoisie of educated people who can operate these systems or benefit from them. It has made education, rather than capital, the class basis. The new bourgeoisie certainly demands democratic rights, and threatens authoritarian regimes, as in the old Soviet Union. But it has no natural conflict with traditional constitutional monarchy, and is itself a conservative influence on society: the new class has some reason to fear those members of the old factory class, the 19th-century Marxist proletariat, who have not been educated in the skills to adapt to the electronic age.

For the present, we can regard republicanism as so much chatter, at least so far as England is concerned. But for all that I would not disregard the tone of the conference. It was uneasy, and for reasons which have little to do with the monarchy. I was left with the impression that the monarchy is one of the national institutions that retain a substantial degree of public confidence, even if that confidence is lower than it used to be.

The mood of the conference was of a collective neurosis of the political class, happening to focus on the monarchy because the Queen is the head of state, but really concerned with the way the whole system is working. If present trends cannot be reversed, Britain could experience a general crisis of confidence in the political class similar to that occurring in Italy, though for different reasons. The British failure relates to the over-centralisation of power, and the inability of the centre to use the power it has taken to itself.

Looking back, one can see that Margaret Thatcher recognised that there was a problem, but took almost exactly the wrong steps to correct it. An extraordinarily high proportion of her worst mistakes were in local government, including the poll tax, the reduction of local authority powers and the abolition of the Greater London Council. She was right that local government in some parts of Britain was failing, but entirely wrong to see centralisation of power as the best answer. This has left a legacy in which local government has been enfeebled, partly on party grounds, and central government has been overloaded with work it is not well qualified to do, and does badly.

The convincing case for constitutional reform is therefore one for decentralisation, which Charter 88 supports; this has overwhelming backing in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and strong backing in London and the English regions. The remarkable swing to the Liberals in the West Country county elections was another vote for decentralisation. This has nothing to do with the monarchy, which acts to some degree as an independent counterweight to the overcentralised party system at Westminster. To abolish the monarch would only further centralise party power.

Mrs Thatcher took centralisation further in her time, partly because it increased her government's power, and partly out of despair at the local government system she inherited. If John Major is to come closer to public feeling, he will need to reverse this process. It is not the monarchy that is at fault, but the failures of the old system of local government and the greed for power of central government and party patronage.

Is there a doctor in the House?

Martin Ivens takes the temperature of the Commons

On Tuesday night, the smooth progress of the *News at Ten* schedule was interrupted when ITN's cameras cut to a breathless Michael Brunson at Westminster. In a moment of hilarious high camp, Mr Brunson declared he had a confession to make to presenter Julia Somerville and the watching millions. He had ruled out an imminent cabinet reshuffle during the 5.40 bulletin, but after that broadcast, an unnamed but "senior" minister had rung him to put the record straight. The Big One was on.

Reshuffle fever intensified on Radio 4's *Today* yesterday, when Labour's John Prescott, in untypically genial form, joshed John MacGregor about his proposals to raise more revenue by introducing motorway charges. Mr MacGregor was bringing "a dowry to the Treasury", proclaimed Mr Prescott in a reference to the transport secretary's possible elevation to No 11. Mr MacGregor, "insiders" say, is the compromise candidate who would alienate neither left nor right wing of the party.

Listeners could picture the embarrassed grin spreading across Mr MacGregor's face as fellow Tories tipped him for the job. Gossip columns, brought to the minister's immediate attention, yesterday disclosed that our lame duck Chancellor, Norman Lamont, was already pulling out of public appearances.

Once reshuffle rumours take off, they gain a terrible momentum. Media folk and politicians are seized by a frenzy not unlike the effect of spring on frolicking young animals. Routine business becomes impossible. Ministers gaze listlessly at their red boxes and then head for the corridors of Westminster. Civil servants gaze speculatively at their doubtless transient political masters. MPs huddle in clutches around the tearoom and lobby journalists permutate portfolios: "If sopping wet Christopher Smooth gets Administrative Affairs, he will have to be balanced by sending dry-as-dust Norman Essex to sort out the Department of Overspend."

Whether anyone outside the charmed circle of the prime minister, the chief whip and the party chairman actually ever knows who is to be reshuffled or whether there is to be a reshuffle at all, is immaterial. Once the fever is high, there is no known cure other than a lapidary prime ministerial statement, and even that sometimes doesn't work.

If a reshuffle then occurs, the prime minister can be blamed by his critics for "bowing to pressure" over the timing. If no reshuffle comes, he can equally be damned for "bottling out". If he plays musical chairs with ministers, John Major's admirers will praise his "imaginative, bold stroke"; if he doesn't, they will applaud him for "being his own man" and refusing to bow to "the jackals of Fleet Street". Mr Major has fewer close friends in that quarter these days than Margaret Thatcher, so the timing of a reshuffle, say weary hacks, may be set at 8.15 pm in order to miss the dailies' early editions, or at 10.15 on Saturday night, so as really to upset the hostile editors of *The Sunday Times* and *The Sunday Telegraph*.

Reshuffle fever is highest, of course, over the Chancellorship. Has Newbury shown that time is finally up for Mr Lamont? Can Mr Major be persuaded by "close friends" to appoint his ambitious Home Secretary, Kenneth Clarke to the job? Should Mr Clarke stay where he is to sort out the police and the prisons, or is he the only man to curb spending?

Even if the reshuffle encompasses only junior posts, there will be much room for fun. Fever victims are asking whether the right is to be bought off this time round. After his work on deregulation, does Neil Hamilton, the local government minister, get Tristan Garel Jones's job at the Foreign Office? What of John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister whose intellectual abilities are balanced by his resemblance to Mr Spock, the unemotional Vulcan from *Star Trek*? Is Michael Forsyth, the employment minister, too "ideological" — i.e. principled — for further promotion? And what of moderates such as Stephen Dorrell at the Treasury who are beginning to make right-wing noises? What of wets such as Baroness Blatch, the education minister, or Sir George Young at housing?

Still, Mr Major had better go ahead or silence the rumours before he drives everyone mad. For there are more things at stake than a few portfolios. After a particularly grisly year, the government momentarily has a chance to redefine its objectives and win over potential friends who are begging to be convinced that there is a sense of direction at No 10.

The government has now to convince the voters that it has some fundamental objectives other than keeping itself in office. Or will it allow its ever-shrinking majority — possibly a mere 17 after the Christchurch by-election — to force it into a policy of what one influential government apparatchik calls "ducking and diving" from one crisis to another?

With the third reading of the Maastricht bill, Mr Major could try to put the European débâcle behind him and unite his party around a few broad themes. The current favourite is an attack on the budget deficit and thorough reform of the welfare state. MPs on the recalcitrant right are already making cooing noises following tough speeches by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Michael Portillo — a darling of the right. They will not coo for long if they think the review of state spending is becoming no more than a public relations exercise.

Boson friends

NO ONE would ever dare question William Waldegrave's academic qualifications. As an Oxford classicist, he is first rate. But on the day that saw the issue of the first white paper on scientific research for 20 years, how good a scientist is he? Thankfully, for a cabinet distinctly short of scientific qualifications the answer appears to be: rapidly improving.

So rapidly, in fact, that his advisers claim he has mastered one or two scientific principles which still confound the most eminent in their field. Take the so-far theoretical Higgs boson which, if discovered, would help to explain the behaviour of sub-atomic particles. "He knows all about it now," says his office proudly. Which is considerably more, it appears, than many a scientist. "There will be lots of very distinguished physicists who are not exactly sure what it is," says Professor Roger Cashmore, head of experimental and particle physics at Oxford University.

Waldegrave's understanding of this complicated piece of science has been greatly enhanced by the response to a competition he launched a few weeks ago. When speaking to the Institute of Physics, he offered a prize of a bottle of champagne to anyone who could explain the Higgs boson on one side of A4 paper.

His desk in Whitehall is now said to be submerged by more than 300 such explanations, and Waldegrave has been diligently ploughing through them. That just leaves the so-far theoretical citizen's charter for him to get to grips with.

Plaque is back

THE Dead Comics Society plaque to Peter Sellers that we yesterday reported stolen is not the first Sellers memorial to go missing. A plaque put up in Portsmouth to honour one of the city's most famous sons, has also disappeared.

The plaque, put up by the city council, was pinned to the wall of the house where Sellers was born in 1925. It had been there for years before it disappeared. "It was a complete mystery," says a council spokesman. Such was the outcry, however, that the council recently unveiled a new plaque. Dr Alan Burnett, the council leader, even dressed up as Inspector Clouseau for the ceremony, accompanied by a Pink Panther. "It is still there," says the council spokesman. "I think."

Devlin's advocate

IF John Major is looking to reshuffle his pack, he might like to consider the claims of Tim Devlin, MP for Stockton South. For Devlin is exhibiting an almost Lamontian command of the U-turn.

A year ago, Devlin voiced his considerable outrage that Belgian bricks were to be used in the construction of the Yarm flood defence scheme, saying "I find the prospect of foreign bricks being used in the construction of the scheme quite extraordinary at this time of difficulty for the UK construction business."

Extraordinary it may be, but a year on Devlin felt able to do the honours yesterday at the opening ceremony on the River Tees — Belgian bricks and all.

What made him change his mind? "We did some historical research which showed that virtually the entire town of Yarm was built with Flemish bricks at the end of the 14th century," he says. "It seems the Belgian ones in the flood water scheme merely complement the existing ones. I could hardly object to that."

Off the old block

THE other woman in the Clinton administration, Pamela Harriman, was scheduled to make an early start as US ambassador in Paris today, arriving on the *oeil-rouge* at Charles de Gaulle airport. Braving the early start to greet the 73-year-old ambassador was another leading lady of the American diplomatic circuit, *chargé d'affaires* Avis Bohlen, whose father, Chip, was ambassador to Paris in the 1960s.

Harriman was sworn in last week in Washington by Al Gore, the vice-president, with her son, the Tory MP Winston Churchill, by her side. "She called me and asked me to bring the Bible for the swearing in. It was the one which was presented to my grandfather, Sir Winston, by his great-grandmother, on the day of his marriage in 1908. It was a very moving occasion," says the MP.



Peaks and pits

GEORGE BAND, the Cambridge-educated mountaineer who nearly became the first man on the summit of Everest, has caught the current bug for mountain nostalgia.

Forty years ago, illness forced Band — at 23 the youngest member of Colonel Hunt's expedition — to limit his Everest ambitions to 24,000 ft. But, as he recalled at a party for tonight's Channel 4 documentary *Return to Everest*, he continued climbing, and was part of the first successful assault on Kanchenjunga.

That expedition was led by Sir Charles Evans, who as Dr Evans was also a member of Hunt's team. Anxious to keep his party in good health ahead of the ascent, Evans advised strongly against imbibing the local brew. But when Band was dispatched on a two-day march for extra supplies, his party had no option but to accept the local fare of chang, a mush of fermented cereal cut with hot water.

Even the fastidious Evans would have been impressed, Band thought, by the vigorous sluicing that the pots and cane straws received before the chang was served. Impressed, that is, until the very last moment, when the headman's wife gave the straws a final dry and polish — by dragging them through her armpit.

● *Everest veterans, of course, are not the only people celebrating the achievements of 40 years ago. Yesterday it was the turn of the team that convinced the nation to buy a TV set, the outside broadcast unit that covered the coronation. Peter Dimmock, the producer, Sylvia Peters, the presenter, and all the cameramen gathered for a reunion lunch at the BBC. The only absentees were Richard Dimbleby and, of course, the star.*

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PROUD POTENTIAL

A modest proposal to help science help a British recovery

Ever since Harold Wilson trumpeted the life-enhancing qualities of science and technology, British politicians have been chary of following in his wake. Mr Wilson's discovery of the white heat of technology made a stirring election speech, but the reality proved distinctly tepid. The Ministry of Technology came and went, and Britain remained very much the same.

Yesterday's White Paper on Science and Technology, *Realising our Potential*, does not make the mistake of excessive claims. It is a document distinguished by the modesty of its rhetoric. Nor does it promise to meet the demands of some scientists for huge new disbursements so that every avenue of curiosity can be followed wherever it may lead. The White Paper concentrates, rather, on the steps that should be taken to improve organisation and alter attitudes, some of them of very long standing. Choices must be made, and the £5.5 billion a year that the government already spends on science is a substantial sum, from which the nation deserves and might expect greater benefits.

The most powerful impress on British science policy today remains that made in 1918 by Lord Haldane, the first to decree that decisions about scientific priorities should be made not by the government of the day but by the scientists themselves, through the research councils. Haldane's principle has proved astonishingly long-lived, and due obeisance is paid to it in William Waldegrave's white paper. But the small print tells a slightly different story. By gathering to himself the reins by which science is to be steered, Mr Waldegrave has begun a change which may have profound effects. While he may disavow the desire to control what scientists do, powers once gathered are seldom discarded. Not all future ministers may possess his delicate aversion to issuing orders.

To determine whether this risk is justified, one must first identify the problem. Britain is good at science, but bad at economics. The nation that gave the world the Industrial Revolution has slipped so far behind that it must now take lessons from those who were once eager pupils. The profession of engineering is held in low esteem, and few of the brightest graduates have any wish to work in productive industry. To alter this will call for more than merely tinkering with the machinery of science. One danger of emphasising the industrial applications of science is that bright schoolchildren are more likely to be drawn to discovering the origins of the universe than to making a better non-stick saucepan.

The changes which Mr Waldegrave proposes are not, however, irrelevant. It makes sense to try to narrow the gap between the universities and industry, and to encourage scientists to work on problems that may lead to new products, better therapies, or cheaper and cleaner processes, so long as this is not done in too prescriptive a fashion. Britain's problem does not lie so much in the laboratories as in the boardrooms and factories. The chemical and pharmaceutical industries have shown that there is no insuperable obstacle to success in Britain; they have exploited British science and made themselves into powerful companies. Relatively less successful have been the industries that draw on physics and electronics. By recasting the research councils into a new pattern, Mr Waldegrave is hoping that the successes in medical science can rub off on other industries. That is sensible, though it will require a more wholehearted commitment from the private sector than in the past.

Mr Waldegrave has avoided the grosser errors that were urged. His white paper does not pretend to more than it can deliver. British science may be better placed to make its contribution to economic recovery as a result. But anyone with too high hopes should remember the days of white heat.

ROAD SENSE

Britain needs wide-ranging debate of its traffic choices

Traffic jams cost money, fray nerves and cripple industry. Congestion on Britain's motorways blocks the transport arteries which carry 15 per cent of all traffic and 30 per cent of heavy goods vehicles. Although the recession has temporarily kept volume levels down, all the forecasts show an inexorable rise in traffic; an increase of up to 30 per cent by the end of the century and a probable doubling by 2025. If all Britain's motorways are not to resemble the M25 on a Friday afternoon, something must be done. The government has two choices: to restrict demand or to engage in a massive road-building programme. Yesterday's green paper — a model of clarity and timely public consultation — lays out the options.

Restricting demand — by rationing the number of cars and lorries allowed on roads — is extremely hard. It makes good sense only in limiting access to city centres, and that depends on expensive technology, not yet developed, to implement a system of computer-monitoring of special licences. However desirable it is to shift freight from road to rail, over 90 per cent of Britain's inter-urban traffic will continue to go by road. The nation must face up to an urgent programme of road-building — principally of motorways, the safest, most efficient and least environmentally damaging inter-urban routes. How should this be paid for?

Britain's roads are largely free from direct charges at the point of use. This cannot continue. Even at the present rate of building motorways and trunk roads, it will take 20 years to complete the programme. It is unrealistic to expect the government to increase spending from traditional sources: the treasury is having enough trouble keeping public spending under control as it is; and there are many equally worthy competing claims, not least the boosting of investment in railways. Other European countries, notably Italy and France, have developed a good motorway network by harnessing private capital, and even those with an old and extensive system, such as Germany, now find that the *Autobahn* network can no longer be maintained from general taxation.

New money could be raised in several ways. The least attractive is to turn over the whole programme to private contractors. The need is not for many new roads, but for the upgrading of existing trunk routes. A few privately run motorways with frequent toll booths would simply divert traffic on to minor roads. An alternative is the vignette or windscreen sticker, allowing access to motorways for a specified period of time. This scheme, ideal for Switzerland with much transit traffic, is less sensible here. There are problems of enforcement. And as the Germans found in a national debate earlier this year a vignette might actually encourage more use of the family car in order to get full value from the high initial purchase price. Similarly an increase in the vehicle excise duty would not link motoring costs directly with the number of journeys made. Another option is a progressive increase in petrol duty, making people more aware of the cost of each trip and the most effective way of cutting back carbon dioxide emissions.

All schemes have disadvantages. Hauliers, oil companies, motoring organisations and environmentalists will make the most of each objection as they begin intensive lobbying. No decision should be taken before a wide-ranging public discussion. The green paper now launches that debate.

THE PLEASURE OF GALES

Bad weather remains one of the best British inventions

The unwelcome storms that disrupted the 50th anniversary ceremony of the Battle of the Atlantic yesterday were not welcome — but appropriate nonetheless. An Allied fleet from 17 nations anchored off Holyhead at Moelfre Point, where the convoys used to assemble before setting out on their perilous crossing, was battered by torrential rain and gale-force winds from the north-west. An American Navy minesweeper dragged its anchors, and drifted without power; while several Navy vessels left the fleet and put back into Liverpool because conditions had become too rough for them to hold their positions. Nothing much had changed from half a century ago, with ranks of ships drawn up and waiting to sail, the Irish Sea looking its least inviting, conditions deteriorating, and not a prayer of the engagement being cancelled.

Because there is so much of it over this offshore island at the edge of the Atlantic, weather has been a decisive factor in British history as well as the safest topic for British conversation. In 1588, Lord Howard of Effingham wrote to Burghley: "Their force is wonderful great and strong, and yet we pluck their feathers by little and little." But it was not Howard and Drake, but the Protestant winds and a violent September storm that finished plucking the Armada.

Fine English weather smoothed the Channel for the little boats to evacuate the British Expeditionary force from Dunkirk. Two months later bad weather postponed the Luftwaffe's Eagle Day for a week that could have been vital in the Battle of Britain. The slight winds off Trafalgar helped Nelson with his slow but deadly double spearhead at the Franco-Spanish line, and prevented Villeneuve's fleet escaping from the English broadsides at close quarters.

British weather has been as powerful an ally down the centuries as General Winter has been to the Russians, not anthropomorphically or by superstition, but because the British are conditioned to expect unexpected weather, and are seldom disappointed. At the first recorded invasions of England, typical weather came as close to scuppering Julius Caesar as anything did until he was finally sunk at the Capitol.

The British take a pride in their interesting weather. They might as well, for they have no choice. Naturally, the royal fleet review steamed ahead yesterday in the foulest conditions ever experienced for such an event. Naturally, the veterans of the Battle of the Atlantic following the Britannia in a cruise liner declared that yesterday's gales were a picnic compared to those they went through 50 years ago. Foul winds and weather were then known as convoy weather, because they kept the wolf-packs of U-boats down below. Whether at ceremonial occasion or rush hour, unspeakable weather still brings out the best in the urbanised but ever piratical race.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Enthusiasm for the monarchy

From Mr Peter Methuen

Sir, Well, you have had your seminar on the monarchy (report, May 24), and the chattering classes have dispersed happily, secure in the illusion of their own self-importance.

Their prattle is, of course, water off a duck's back to the substantial majority of the nation who are attached to their monarchy and do not want it mucked about. That majority would rise to 99 per cent if the republican alternatives were spelled out.

Just think of the boredom, and the expense, of having to turn out in the rain every four years to choose between Sir Edward Heath and Lord Callaghan, or Mr Murdoch for that matter. Then the tedium of having to endure the endless whingeing in the Commons night and day for four years, from government and/or Opposition, about the disgraceful partiality of the president.

We like the splendour and excitement of the monarchy, which provides a bit of glamour and interest in between wars. If we are lucky, every half-century or so, we may even get a bit of scandal, like Queen Caroline being shut out of the Abbey at the coronation, or the Victorian royal duke said to have slit his barber's throat after a bad hair-cut. "After all," we say indulgently, "they're only human".

Coronations, royal weddings, the state opening of Parliament, the Trooping — we like all the grandeur and colour and historic tradition. It reminds us of a great past, and inspires us to face the future with pride and confidence.

The Sovereign is constitutionally the ultimate guarantee of our liberties against an electoral dictatorship — but I do not suppose the chattering classes consider this important.

Yours sincerely,
PETER METHUEN,
Elliston, St Boswells,
Roxburghshire.
May 24.

From Professor Lord Beloff, FBA

Sir, I cannot share your enthusiasm for your conference on the monarchy. I do not see what useful contribution to considering Britain's constitutional problems was made or could have been made by the gaggle of journalists, playwrights, novelists, feminists, lawyers and academics proclaiming their republicanism under the tattered banner of Charter 88.

But one useful lesson did emerge. It was made plain that the ratification of the treaty for a European Union would entail the ending of Britain's capacity for self-government under its constitutional monarchy.

Professor Haseler is quoted as saying that if Maastricht were ratified, "the Queen would become a citizen of Europe like any of her subjects". Peers who have taken the oath of allegiance wish to remain Her Majesty's subjects and neither wish for her nor for themselves a future owing duties to M Jacques Delors.

When the Maastricht bill comes before the House of Lords, the cry must be "No to Maastricht" and "God save the Queen".

Yours truly,
BELOFF,
House of Lords.
May 24.

From Mr Peter Knottley

Sir, Were I a member of the royal family, I think I would now be giving serious consideration to convening a conference on the future of the press in general and *The Times* in particular.

Of course, no representative of the press, let alone *The Times*, would be invited.

Yours sincerely,
PETER KNOTTLEY,
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Cheam, Surrey.
May 24.

Women priests

From Canon Howard Root

Sir, I do not know how my old friend and colleague Dennis Nineham (letter, May 24) has discovered that the great majority of Anglicans want women priests. I do not even know what he counts a great majority.

What I do know is that the view that numbers determine truth is precisely what worries some of us. Perhaps we are no more than a vast minority.

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD ROOT,
26 St Swithun Street,
Winchester, Hampshire.
May 24.

Roughly speaking

From Dr David J. Girling

Sir, Peter Riddell tells us (May 24) that 10.73 Tory MPs can be expected to die over a full five-year term, but that the actual number could be higher or lower.

I'm relieved to hear it, even though some of them may, at times, look only 0.27 alive.

Yours truly,
DAVID GIRLING,
11 Bateman Mews, Cambridge.
May 25.

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Hostile reaction to spending cuts

From Mr A. L. Vann

Sir, Your call for what is, in effect, theft from state pension funds is alarming (leading article, "Spending shibboleths", May 24). Taxpayers have been told repeatedly for 50 years that income tax is for the government to run the country, whereas national insurance contributions are for health and retirement pensions.

Private insurance companies, which run company and private pensions, receive payments and then pay out until the recipient dies. What if the insurance company said it was stopping pension payments because it had run out of money? *The Times* would complain about fraud and theft, as it did in the Robert Maxwell case. Why do you change sides when it is the government?

Pensions are not a gift from the government. The recipients have paid in the money for them.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. VANN,
Barrington House, St Mary's Road,
Ascot, Berkshire.
May 24.

From Mr T. H. Richardson

Sir, I retired on my eightieth birthday, having contributed to the Exchequer in direct and indirect taxation for over 50 years, and having contributed my service and also all my personal earnings for six years during the second world war.

I do not consider that my state pension and my free prescriptions (I'm now in need of some permanent medication) render me a recipient of "government largess" (leading article, May 21).

Yours faithfully,
T. H. RICHARDSON,
White Gables, Swainby,
Northallerton, North Yorkshire.
May 21.

From Ms Cleone Christie

Sir, Lindsay Cook's report, "Thrifty pensioners pay the price of interest rate cuts" (May 21), highlights how unfairly savings are treated in the assessment of benefits. Capital of £8,000, as she points out, disqualifies a pensioner from income support.

Surely it would be fairer to treat the applicant's capital as income, using an appropriate rate of interest to arrive at a deemed amount. Thus the applicant with some capital but scarcely any other resources would no longer be at a disadvantage vis-a-vis an applicant with more income but little or no capital.

Yours faithfully,
CLEONE CHRISTIE,
Gateways, Wharfe Lane,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
May 21.

From Mr E. A. N. Whitehead

Sir, In 50 years of paying taxes and receiving various state benefits, I have noticed that whenever a government wishes to increase a tax or curtail a benefit it gains sympathy and acceptance by referring to incomes of anything between ten and one hundred times my own. I have also noticed when it comes to the details of the legislation that among those who get clobbered is inevitably

Your obedient servant,
ERIC A. N. WHITEHEAD,
Merrydown Cottage, Stockland,
Honiton, Devon.
May 24.

From Miss Rachel Phenna

Sir, Old age, according to *Proverbs*, is a crown of splendour. Yet how rapidly this crown is becoming tarnished for thousands of elderly people.

They are already among the poorest groups in society. They spend higher than average proportions of their incomes on essentials such as fuel, light, food and housing costs.

The threats of VAT on fuel bills, introduction of prescription charges, loss of village post offices, will jeopardise even current levels of participation in society by older people.

Yours sincerely,
RACHEL PHENNA
(Home Affairs Administrator),
Evangelical Alliance UK,
Whitefield House,
186 Kennington Park Road,
Kennington, SE11.
May 24.

From Mr Gerrard Roots

Sir, The lack of a regular hagiographical column in *The Times* has long been sorely felt. How welcome, therefore, is Simon Heffer's article on *Michael Portillo* (May 21) — surely the first in a series on the lives of the more obscure Spanish saints.

Yours faithfully,
GERRARD ROOTS,
12 Greyhound Hill, NW4.

Too many civil servants

From Mr A. E. Cantelo

Sir, Mr Major has said that he has not ruled anything out in his government's efforts to reduce the public sector deficit. I venture to suggest that, by default, he and his ministers have in effect ruled out one action which would genuinely cut back public expenditure by a very substantial sum: a very large reduction — say 25 per cent — of the numbers employed in the civil service, both of non-permanent and permanent status.

Why do we need 565,000 civil servants — an increase of 10,000 over 12 months? What are they doing, the 29,000 at the Department of the Environment? Why do we have 138,000 of them in Defence when the armed forces total only 280,000?

Businesses all over the world have learned that if you must stringently reduce costs to survive you must cut out people, in particular people engaged in unproductive administration. I would be surprised if the salary bill for the civil service is much less than £14 billion, to which we can add the cost of (index-linked) pensions and provision of accommodation and other services.

There is a huge target to aim at. We will of course be told that making permanent civil servants redundant is impossible. It is not impossible, although it would be difficult and unpleasant. We will also be told that the redundancy costs and unemployment pay would exceed the savings. Maybe they would initially, but much of the cost would be one-off, whilst the savings would be permanent.

The private sector has so far borne all the pain of the recession. There is a great need to reduce government expenditure; equity and expediency alike point to the reduction in the number of public sector employees as one means of achieving that objective, and maybe in Mr Portillo we have a minister who can do just that.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. CANTELO,
4a Alva Way, Carpenders Park,
Watford, Hertfordshire.
May 21.

Infertility treatment

From Dr Elizabeth Bryan and Mrs Jane Denton

Sir, Much of the publicity about the birth of Britain's third set of surviving sextuplets has focused on the question of who should or should not receive National Health Service treatment for infertility (report, May 24).

Whilst this issue is clearly of great importance we should not forget the question whether sextuplets, quins, quads, or even triplets should ever result from infertility treatment. These pregnancies often end up in a miscarriage or such early delivery that the babies die or are disabled.

Even healthy multiple babies can bring enormous practical and emotional stresses to the family and substantial financial burdens both to parents and to health and social services.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority stipulates that no more than three embryos may be transferred during procedures such as in vitro fertilisation and that they can be undertaken only in licensed centres. There are no similar restrictions on treatments using ovulation-stimulating drugs and more judicious use of these is vital.

Yours etc,
ELIZABETH BRYAN
(Medical Director),
JANE DENTON
(Nursing Director),
Multiple Births Foundation,
Queen Charlotte's and
Chelsea Hospital,
Goldhawk Road, W6.
May 25.

Costly eye rules

From Professor Robert Weale

Sir, Dr David Thomson (Infotech, May 21) merits support for his criticism of the EC regulation requiring that employees using VDUs should have the option of regular eye tests by an optician or doctor at the employer's expense, including screening to find those with defective vision who need a full eyesight test.

The regulation was introduced with one abstention (by guess who). Support has come mainly from opticians as distinct from medical eye specialists.

If, as Dr Thomson says, fewer than 10 per cent of computer users require special glasses, this has to be compared with several estimates suggesting that 25 per cent of the general population in developed countries do not wear glasses when they ought to, or else need corrections different from those they are wearing.

It can also be argued that the EC regulation is profoundly anti-social. With scarce medical and optical resources, screening is a luxury we cannot afford, even if scared employers co-operate.

The reason is that care will be delayed for those in real need, for example, the elderly. Eyesight screening for some at the price of definite risks for others is an EC option deserving censure.

Yours very truly,
R. A. WEALE,
Institute of Gerontology,
King's College London,
Cornwall House Annexe,
Waterloo Road, SE1.

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Time to build a Turner Gallery?

From Dr Selby Whittingham and others

Sir, We suggest that the decision taken by the Tate Gallery at the end of last year to divide its collection into two — modern art in one building, British art in another (report, December 16, 1992) — should be taken as an opportunity to reconsider the nation's obligations to show Turner's pictures properly.

We also need to know why Turner's wishes for his main bequest are still ignored. The Clore Gallery has proved quite unsatisfactory as the collection's main home, in our view: the space is insufficient, the walls are too brightly painted and the pictures are hung too low.

For over a hundred years it has been the National Gallery's policy to split its collection of Turners, so breaking the artist's principal wish that his finished pictures be kept together. This fact was unwarrantably glossed over when the Duveen and Clore wings were built for part of the collection, in 1910 and 1987 respectively.

The first step to a solution should be to vest the whole collection by act of Parliament in a body of trustees committed to keeping it together — something which the trustees of the National Gallery and Tate Gallery have declined to undertake in response to repeated requests from the Turner Society, among others.

This should lead eventually to a separate Turner Gallery, ideally to be situated in proximity to the National Gallery. In our opinion, this would be the best way of fulfilling the twin objectives of honouring Turner's wishes and of showing his works to their best advantage.

Yours faithfully,
SELBY WHITTINGHAM
(Co-Editor, *J. M. W. Turner, RA*),
MARY ARCHER-SHEE
(Heir to Sir Martin Archer-Shee
(President, RA, 1830-45)),
LOUISE TURNER
(Heir to J. M. W. Turner, RA),
153 Cromwell Road, SW5.
May 24.

CrossRail project

From Sir Michael Clapham, Chairman, Residents' Association of Mayfair

Sir, Although an east-west rail link for London is essential, the chosen route for CrossRail (letters, May 18, 19, 25) is too expensive and in the wrong place.

As planned, two rail tunnels will go through several conservation areas in the West End and other parts of London, resulting in enormous costly compensation claims. Traffic in central London will be disrupted for more than five years by the construction of a huge new underground rail station at Bond Street and extensions to Tottenham Court Road station.

The critical need is an east-west link between the planned Heathrow Express, the main BR northern termini, the Channel tunnel rail link at St Pancras and the City. An alternative route from Paddington to St Pancras and Liverpool Street is feasible, would cost less and provide the right transport framework for the 21st century.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,
your obedient servant,
MICHAEL CLAPHAM
(President, CBI, 1972-4),
26 Hill Street, W1.

Tolls and taxes

From Mrs Barbara J. Baker

Sir, While I find the government's road toll plan interesting (report, May 22), dare I hope that the roadside beacons could also record the cars whose owners have not bothered to pay their road tax?

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA BAKER,
40 Glenlia Crescent,
Foyers, Inverness.

Lesson on eardrops

From Mr Phil James

Sir, Surely, Mr Parris's expensive education was comprehensive enough to enable him to squirt some liquid into his ear without having to resort to written instructions (May 24). I can manage it, and I left school at 14.

Yours faithfully,
PHIL JAMES,
96 Beavers Lane,
Hounslow West, Middlesex.

Serving the continent

From Mr Cyril Bryan

Sir, I suspect that the cost difference at London rail termini noted by Mr Kieft (letter, May 25) is not the affluence of the West but because at Paddington the privies are already being prepared for privatisation.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL BRYAN,
16 Drayton Gardens, SW10.

From Mr Eric Griffiths

Sir, Travellers to the West more affluent? No. More desperate!

Yours faithfully,
ERIC GRIFFITHS,
21 Cranleigh Gardens,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 26: Mr Martin Bourke was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Mrs Bourke was also received by Her Majesty.

His Excellency Mr Elias Gounaris was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Hellenic Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the embassy: Mr Anastase Scopelitis (Minister), Mr Georges Costoulas (First Counsellor), Captain Constantinos Hartofilis (Shipping Attaché), Mr Dimitri Alexandrakis (Counsellor), Mr Alexandros Rallis (First Secretary), Mr Dimitris Hatzopoulos (First Secretary), Mrs Aglaia Balta (First Secretary and Consul) and Dr Constantine Papadopoulos (Second Secretary).

Mrs Gounaris was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the household in Waiting were in attendance.

Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief, the Calgary Highlanders, received Mr F.P. Mannix (Honorary Colonel), Mr R.R. McDaniel (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel), Mr G.M. Milne (Regimental Secretary) and Lieutenant-Colonel J.L. Moffat (Commanding Officer).

Mr Nicholas Hasluck was received by The Queen and delivered up the insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his father, the late Sir Paul Hasluck.

Mrs Hasluck was also received by Her Majesty.

His Excellency Senhor José Primo and Senhora Primo were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Angola to the Court of St James's.

The Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and Mrs Manning were received by The Queen.

Her Majesty, Patron, this evening attended a lecture and reception at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London, SW7, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the first ascent of Everest and was received by the President, the Royal Geographical Society (Sir Crispin Tickell) and the Chairman, the Mount Everest Foundation (Major-General Patrick Fagan).

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robin Janvrin and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Admiral of the Fleet, today reviewed a fleet of ships to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic, off Moelfre, Anglesey.

The King of Norway, Honorary Colonel, Royal Marines, was also present.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in waiting was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Ireland and Mr Robinson and welcomed Her Excellency and Mr Robinson on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 26: The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, this afternoon attended the cricket match between Bertie Joel's All Star XI and the Lord's Taverners XI, the Bank of England Sports Ground, Roehamptopn, London, SW15.

Lieutentant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 26: The Princess Royal this morning launched the Association of Payment Clearing Systems Project for the Banking Information Service, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 195 Piccadilly, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, President, later attended the annual general meeting and luncheon of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, the Berkeley hotel, Wilton Place, London SW1.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended a meeting of the Council, Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended a Lecture and Reception to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the first ascent of Everest, the Royal Geographical Society, Kendsington Gore, London SW7.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 26: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a meeting of the Prince's Council. His Royal Highness, President, the Prince's Trust, afterwards received the West Midlands Business Leaders Group of the Prince's Trust Volunteers.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the MacMillan Nurse Appeal, this evening gave a reception for the American "Friends" of the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 26: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Master of the Bench, this evening dined in Hall at Lincoln's Inn.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 26: The Princess of Wales today visited Oxfordshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt). Her Royal Higness, Patron, Guinness Trust, this morning visited the Community Flat, Newlands Avenue, Didcot.

The Princess of Wales this afternoon visited Oxford Brookes University, Headington, Oxford.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Aids Trust, later visited Oxaids and Body Positive, Ebor House, Blue Boar Street, Oxford.

Captain Edward Musto, RM, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 26: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre, this afternoon visited the centre and opened the Resources Library and courtyard at Frensham, Farnham and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
May 26: The Duke of Kent, Honorary President, the Royal Geographical Society this evening attended a lecture and reception to commemorate the fortieth Ascent of Mount Everest at Kensington Gore, London SW7.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 26: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, this afternoon met "Four Men in a Boat" at St Katherine Haven, London E1, at the halfway point of their canoe journey from Nuneaton to Tower Bridge and back in aid of the association.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will present new standards to the Household Cavalry on Horse Guards Parade at 11.30. Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Warship Preservation Trust at Birkenhead at 10.30; as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will attend a luncheon given by the Glasgow and West of Scotland Outward Bound Association at the Central Hotel, Glasgow, at 1.00; as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will visit Compaq Computers at Erskine at 2.50; will visit the Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for disabled exservicemen at Erskine at 4.05; and, as an Honorary Member of the Mudhook Yacht Club will attend the 120th anniversary dinner at the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club at 6.45.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Brogdale Horticultural Trust's site at Brogdale Road, Faversham, at 10.15; and, as Patron of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, will visit the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation and open the trust's new headquarters at Tyland Barn, Maidstone, at 1.05.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic, will attend the World Chiropractic Congress at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 10.10.

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Haddo House Hall Arts Trust, will attend the Spring Promenade '93 exhibition and dinner at Haddo House Hall, at 7.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend the council of management annual meeting at the Kennel Club at 11.00; as Commandant-in-Chief of FANY, will attend the inauguration of the new headquarters at A Block, Duke of York's Headquarters, at 6.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will hold a special gifts dinner at Buckingham Palace at 8.00 for the fund's 75th anniversary appeal.

The Duke of Kent will attend the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association's reunion dinner at the Café Royal at 7.15.

Princess Alexandra will attend a parade of the 17th/21st Lancers at Tidworth at 2.20.

TIM BISHOP



Back to earth: Eros returned to his perch in Piccadilly Circus after five months of repair work yesterday. The London landmark, which will be 100 years old next month, was damaged by revellers two years ago. Now surveillance cameras will add to security

Memorial services

Major Sir Torquhil Matheson of Matheson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Sir Torquhil Matheson of Matheson was held on Tuesday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Roy McAllen officiated, assisted by the Rev Kingsley Joyce. Major Sir Fergus Matheson of Matheson, brother, and Major-General Sir George Burns, Colonel of the Coldstream Guards, read the lessons. Brigadier P.N.R Stewart Richardson gave an address. Among others present were:

Serena Lady Matheson of Matheson (widow), Miss Eleanor Matheson of Matheson (daughter), Mr and Mrs William Craven (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Lady Matheson of Matheson (sister-in-law), Mrs Alexander Matheson, Andrew and Archie Matheson, Mr and Mrs Martin Thompson, Mr and Mrs Andrew Kendall, the Countess of Albemarle, the Earl of Albemarle, Mr David and Lady Cecilia McKenna, Sir Hew and Lady Anne-Louise Hamilton-Dalrymple, Sir Michael Peto, Colonel and Mrs A E Yuill, Mr George Yuill, Mrs Elizabeth Aakesson, Miss Eleanor Dawson, Mrs John Peto, Miss Sophia McKenna, Mrs Rosemary Cornish.

The Duke of Norfolk, Earl and Countess Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards), Lord and Lady Martin Fitzalan-Howard, Viscount Ridley, the Bishop of Norwich, Lord Vaux of Harrowden, Elizabeth Lady Sudeley, Lady Alvingham, Lord Middleton, Lord Wigram, Lord Hesketh, Lord and Lady Monteagle of Brandon, the Hon Mrs Charles Wynn, Colonel the Hon Nicholas Crossley, Brigadier the Hon Christopher and Mrs Willoughby, the Hon Mrs Richard Beaumont, Sir Philip and Lady Duncombe, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Brigadier Sir Jeffrey and Lady Darell, Priscilla Lady Jardine, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Julian and Lady Paget, Lady Slade, Colonel Sir William Mahon, Major Sir Richard and Lady Rasch, Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, Lady Bathurst, Lady Clowes, Lady Slade, Sir Julian Loyd, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Hanmer Hanbury, Sir William Macpherson of Cluny (president, Highland Society of London), Mr Michael and Lady Angela Oswald.

Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Major Mervyn Colenso-Jones, Mr and Mrs Basil Postan, Mrs P N Stewart-Richardson, Mr and Mrs Alexander Postan, Mr John Cory, Mr Ruaraidh Hilleary, Major-General J M Matheson, Mr John Harrison, Major J Riley, Mr Peter Laing, Mr Robert Esden, Major A K Barlow, Mrs J Watherston, Colonel Greville Tufnell, Mr J Kendall, Brigadier Alan Breitmeyer, Colonel E R Hill, Brigadier R C Windsor-Clive, Miss Margaret Swinley, Colonel and Mrs Tom Hall, Mrs David Hamilton-Russell, Mr James Denny, Colonel Brian Lockhart, Mr John Hayward, Major Timothy Geoch, Mr Carron Greig, Lieutenant-Colonel A R Biggs (Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards), Colonel J P N Creagh (5th Battalion, King's African Rifles), Colonel R J Heywood (Colonel, Foot Guards and Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, Coldstream Guards, also representing the Blue Seal Club), Colonel Alan Pemberton and Mr David Tudway Quilter.

Lord Edmund-Davies
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of The Right Hon The Lord Edmund-Davies will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel today at 5.00pm.

Mr Philip Chappell
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Philip Chappell will be held at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, London, EC1, at 11.30am on Wednesday, June 23.

Arkwright Design Technology Scholarships

The Arkwright Design Technology Scholarships are to be presented by Lord Prior at the GEC Management Centre, Dunchurch, on September 1, 1993.

1993 Awards: Jonathan Wright, Exeter School (GEC); Benjamin Ray, Exeter School; Andrew Gemill, Framlingham College (GEC): Alexander Henney, Framlingham College; Katie Lowe, George Watson's College (Marks & Spencer WISE); Alan Robinson, George Watson's College; Alison Lavelle, Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls (Marks & Spencer WISE); Laurence Norfolk, Hurstpierpoint College (Lloyd's Register of Shipping); Oliver Bradley, King Edward's School, Birmingham; Joseph Bourne, King Edward VI School, Southampton; Douglas Lapsley, King's School, Bruton (Emmott Foundation); Timothy Breen, King's School, Canterbury; Kimberley Jary, The Leys School (SFIA Design); Stewart Johnson, Malvern College (Esmee Fairbairn); Daniel Howden, Pocklington School (Save & Prosper); Ben Stone, Pocklington School (Lloyd's Register of Shipping): Abigail Patrick, Rugby School (WISE); Augustus Gingell, St Edward's School, Oxford (Borax); Lucy Crampton, Trent College (Lloyd's Register WISE); Ben Duckworth, Trent College.

For 1994, up to 20 scholarships from 25 per cent to 100 per cent fees are offered at 50 Independent Schools for pupils wishing to study Design Technology in the Sixth Form with the intention of reading Engineering, Technical and Design courses at University. Further information from Tony Pickering, 39A North Bar Without, Beverley, E Yorks, HU17 7AG.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.H.H. Cripps and Miss L.I. Rogers
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs D.H.R. Cripps, of Shenfield, Essex, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr B.A. Rogers, OBE, and Mrs B.M. Rogers, of Port St Mary, Isle of Man, and Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr G.J. Davies and Miss J.C. Mernane
The marriage will take place tomorrow of Gareth John, elder son of Michael and Yvonne Davies, to Janet Clare, younger daughter of Pierre and Jose Mernane.

Mr W.P. Garnett and Miss A.V. Wilson Stephens
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Garnett, of Peaslake, Surrey, and Alice, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Wilson Stephens, of Bayford, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.R.T. Garnier and Miss V.J. Spurrier
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Garnier, of Newlyn, Cornwall, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Spurrier, of Marston-on-Dove, Derbyshire.

Mr J.H.F. Heyworth and Miss J.C. Bannister
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Heyworth, of Merstham, Surrey, and Julie, elder daughter of the late Mr John Bannister and of Mrs Judy Read, of Scrafield, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.

Mr R. Palmer and Miss R. Pavey
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr and Mrs Palmer, and Réjeanne, daughter of Dr and Mrs Pavey, of Lyons, France.

Mr R. Humphreys and Miss J.A. Amberg
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs David Humphreys, of Steyning, West Sussex, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Amberg, of Ravenstone, Buckinghamshire.

The Hon Simon W. Lucas and Miss F. Mackintosh
The engagement is announced between Simon William, elder son of Lord Lucas of Chilworth and Lady Lucas, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Mackintosh, of Vancouver BC, Canada. The wedding will take place in September in Vancouver BC.

Mr J-P. Luksic and Miss B.A.N. James
The engagement is announced between Jean-Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Andrónico Luksic, of Santiago, Chile, and Belinda, younger daughter of the late Mr Colin James and of Mrs James, of Cotleigh, Honiton, Devon. The marriage will take place in Devon on June 20, 1993.

Mr R.J. Montague and Miss E.C. Batchelor
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of the late Mr H.J. (Achim) Montague and Mrs Lieselotte Montague, and Emily, only daughter of Mr Michael Batchelor and Mrs Averil Batchelor.

Mr S.J. Morris and Miss C. Lydon
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs M. Morris, of Windsor, Berkshire, and Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Lydon, of Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

Dinners

Defence and Security Forum and Gulf Centre for Strategic Studies
Lady Olga Maitland, MP, President of Defence and Security Forum, and Dr Omar Al-Hassan, Chairman of the Gulf Centre for Strategic Studies, presided at a dinner held last night at St Ermin's hotel to mark the tenth anniversary of Families for Defence and the twelfth anniversary of the Gulf Co-operation Council. The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest speaker. The Ambassadors of the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Tunisia, Jordan, Bahrain, Morocco and Egypt were present.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Christopher Jonas, president, and members of the general council of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors entertained guests from the property industry at dinner at 12 Great George Street. Mr Michael Cassidy, chairman, policy and resources committee, Corporation of London, was the guest of honour.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the Polaris Sales Agreement.

Luncheon

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago and Mrs Manning.

Marriage

Mr P.J. Martin and Mrs A. Thompson
The marriage took place on Friday, May 7, at Hammersmith Register Office, of Philip, son of Mr and Mrs John Martin, of East Molesey, Surrey, to Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Withers, of Taunton, Somerset.

The bride was attended by Rebecca, Bethany and Georgia Withers, Christopher and Hannah Martin and Harriet Reynolds.

A reception was held at the Orangery, Holland Park Gardens.

Birthdays today

Dr Eric Anderson, headmaster, Eton College, 57; the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry, 63; Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, 57; Mr Jeffrey Bernard, writer, 61; Miss Cilla Black, singer and broadcaster, 50; Earl Cairns, 54; Mr Pat Cash, tennis player, 28; Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, 62; Colonel Sir William Crawshay, 73; Lord Erroll of Hale, 79; Lord Freyberg, 70; Mr Paul Gascoigne, footballer, 26; Mr Duncan Goodhew, swimmer, 36; Miss Patricia Gould, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 69; Mr Norman Griggs, a former vice-president, Building Societies Association, 77; Lord Holme of Cheltenham, 57; Dr Henry Kissinger, former American Secretary of State, 70; Mr Christopher Lee, actor, 71; the Duke of Leinster, 79; Sir John Moberly, diplomat, 68; Mr Vincent Price, actor, 82; Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman, Heron International, 54; Miss Florence Sharples, former executive director, YWCA, 62; Mr Sam Snead, golfer, 81; Sir Ross Stainton, former chairman, BOAC, 79; the Right Rev Mervyn Stockwood, former Bishop of Southwark, 80; Mr M.G.T. Webster, former chairman, DRG, 73.

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Give ear, you heavens, to what I say; listen, earth, to the words I speak. May my teaching fall like rain drops, my words distil like dew... Deuteronomy 32 : 1,2.

BIRTHS

ACLAND - On 23rd May, to Miranda and Michael, a daughter, Susanna Rose Juliet, a sister for Tara.

BARRON - On 23rd May in Edinburgh, to Sarah (née Lea) and Richard, a son, Jonathan Frederick Arthur, a brother for Oliver.

BRYANT - See Payne.

BURRIDGE - On May 9th, to Penny (née Watson) and Johnnie, a daughter, Alice Tatiana St. Paul, a sister for Amy and Milo.

CARR - On 10th May 1993, to Adrienne (née Pickering) and Richard, a son, Guy Robert Alexander, a brother for Edward and Florence.

CHAPMAN - On May 26th at Argenteuil, France, to Nathalie (née Lamarsaude) and Philippe a beautiful daughter, Leah, to Christophe a niece far from Windsor!

DAVIES - On 23rd May, to Juliet (née Glassborow) and Stephen, a daughter, Georgina Florence Juliet, a sister for Olivia.

ESPINOSA - On 25th May at The Portland Hospital, to Nikki (née Squires) and Nic, a beautiful daughter, Stephanie, a sister for Jean-Paul. Thank you Mr Gillard and all at The Portland.

HARRIS - On May 22nd 1993 at Chichester, to Jo (née Marsden) and Michael, a son, Henry Beresford, a brother for Tom.

JONES-WARNER - On 25th May, to Jane (née Esden) and Christopher, a son, William Edward.

LE VAVASSEUR dit DURELL - To Alison (née Still) and Hugh, a son, William, 8lbs 13oz on Sunday 23rd May 1993.

MACMANUS - On May 26th at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, to Amanda (née Marshall) and James, a son, Nicholas Norman Manus.

NEWTON - On 20th May 1993, to Elizabeth (née Whyatt) and Derek, a daughter, Katherine Eleanor. Many thanks to the staff at Hammersmith Hospital.

PAYNE - On May 17th, to Cari (née Bryant) and Michael, a daughter, Julia Claire, a sister for Matthew.

RICE - On May 18th, to Tessa (née Mountford) and Jim, a son Marcus James, a brother for Madeleine and Amelia.

BIRTHS

SELMAN-ANGEL - On May 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Simmone and Barry, a beautiful daughter, Emily, a sister for Chantelle.

SOMERVILLE - On 26th May, to Jenny (née McCabe) and Peter, a son, Jack, a brother for Laura.

SYMONS - On May 23rd, to Sandra (née Maggion) and Peter, a daughter, Carlotta Magenta, a sister for Thomas.

VINTER - On 22nd May, to Jane (née Hogston) and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Emily May Constance Tracey.

WATTS - On May 24th, to Sarah (née Bullock) and Sean, a beautiful daughter, Theodora Evie.

WRIGHTON - On May 25th at Watford, to Stacey (née Rich) and Kim, a son, Gareth David Mark, a brother for Alun.

MARRIAGES

GUISE-CARROLL:RADICE - On 8th May 1993, Marie Guise-Carroll and Italo de Lisle Radice, in London.

DEATHS

BASFORD - On 23rd May 1993, Edna Mary, widow of John Basford, mother and grandmother of Colin, Michael, Christopher and Nicola, at home quietly before lunch. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Tuesday June 1st at 10.30 am.

BIRCHENOUGH - On May 25th, peacefully in hospital, Charlie aged 39 years. How very much he will be missed, but always loved by Kate his wife and children George, Max and Tallulah and his family and many friends. Funeral to be held on 2nd June at 12 noon at All Saints, Ockham. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TY.

BROOKE - On May 26th, peacefully at her home, Marjorie (Peggy) aged 88 years. Dearly loved wife of the late R. Brookes O.B.E. N.S. F.R.C.S. Loving mother of Jane, Roger, Robin and Virginia and devoted granny and great-granny.

DEATHS

CROSS - On 24th May 1993, peacefully after a brave fight at St Christopher's Hospice, Mollie (née Grimsdell) aged 70 years, beloved widow of James Edward, much loved mother of Sally and James and grandmother of Alexander and Benjamin. She will be sadly missed by her many friends. Private cremation, followed by Memorial Service at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich Village, on Tuesday 1st June at 10.30am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, 51 Lawrie Park Road, London, SE26.

DEEMING - On 23rd May 1993, at The Princess Grace Hospital in Monaco, Valerie Catherine Mary. Dearly loved and greatly missed by Michel, Julia and Michael, Edoardo, Alessandro, Sveva, Alistair and Henry.

DOUGLAS-MORRIS - On May 25th 1993 at St Thomas's Hospital, Kenneth John D.L. Captain R.N. (retd). Loving and beloved husband of Peggy, wonderful father of Carole, Susan, Gay and Christopher and proud grandfather of his eight grandchildren. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday June 2nd at 2.30 pm. No flowers.

DURBIN - Suddenly on 19th May, Frederick Charles (Freddy) Durbin F.R.C.S. aged 80 years. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. The funeral service has taken place.

FORD - Peacefully on May 24th at The Grange Residential Home, Llandovery, Joan Bruce Ford, of Bryngwenlais Cilycwm (formerly of Buckwood Grange, Uckfield). Widow of Peter and mother of Sally. Funeral Saturday May 29th, service at Cilycwm Church at 10.15, followed by private cremation at Morriston Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired to the Humane Slaughter Association, 34 Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Potters Bar, EN6 3PA.

GLUCKMAN - Jonathan. The family of Dr. Jonathan Gluckman regret to announce his death in Johannesburg on 25th May 1993.

KENT - On 22nd May, Jamie aged 23 years, very much loved son of Stuart and Nicola and brother of Giles and Rebecca. Funeral Service at Uffington Church on Saturday May 29th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Amnesty International.

LUCAS - William Thomas James ex Co. Director - Land Securities, much beloved husband and father of Marie, Diane, Anthony and Mandy, sadly passed away after a long illness on 24th May 1993 in hospital. "I once was lost, but now I'm found. Was blind but now I see". Funeral Service will be held at 10 am on 1st June 1993 at St Joseph's R.C. Church, Chalfont St Peter. All enquiries to H.C. Grimstead Ltd. tel: (0753) 891200.

MARNAN - On May 26th, peacefully at home, Joanna Mary, beloved widow of John Fitzgerald Marnan. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Dinton, on Wednesday June 2nd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Any contributions to either St Mary's Church, Dinton or The Marie Curie Foundation would be gratefully received.

MORTIMORE - Norman (Nobby), peacefully on May 25th 1993. Much loved and loving husband of Vera and father of Keith. Funeral Service at Falconwood/Eltham Crematorium on 3rd June at 2 pm. Family flowers, donations if desired to The Marie Curie Foundation c/o Francis Chappell, 231 High Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1NZ.

OULTREMONT - On May 20th 1993 at Warfusée - Belgium, Count Charles-Emile d'Oultremont.

PATON - On May 25th 1993, peacefully at home, James, beloved husband of Marjory, a dear father of Jennifer and James, much loved grandpa of Neil, Rory, Euan and Kyle. Service at Cramond Kirk at 11.30 am on Saturday May 29th, to which all family and friends are invited. Cremation thereafter private. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research.

PIKE - On 25th May 1993, peacefully at home, Jean Elizabeth Bradley, beloved wife of the late Leonard (Bob), adoring mother of the late Mike and Sally and mother-in-law of the late Sara and devoted grandmother of Sally and Pom. Private cremation service. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Bentley, at 3 pm on Thursday June 3rd. Family flowers only, donations to St Mary's P.C.C. Bentley, c/o H.C. Patrick & Co., 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7TP.

REES - On 25th May, Catherine, beloved wife of Professor Linford Rees, and adored mother, died peacefully. The funeral service will be held at St Bartholomew's The Less, Smithfield, the City, at 12 noon June 4th. Flowers to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, W8.

WALES - Margaret Ellen (Peggy), on May 25th 1993, peacefully at Forder Lane House, Dartington, Devon, aged 95 years. Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium on Tuesday June 1st at 12 noon.

WELLS - Carolyn Sarah of Crouch End, London, suddenly on Friday 21st May. Deeply missed and lovingly remembered by husband Stephen, daughter Rachel and all family and friends. Funeral at Christ Church, Crouch End, 11 am Friday 28th May. Donations to the National Childbirth Trust.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

NIXON-ECKERSALL - Katherine, late of Moreton Grange. Memorial Service St Mary's, Thornbury, 2.30 pm Saturday June 5th. All friends welcome.

STAGG - The Memorial Service for Donald Stagg will be held in the Memorial Chapel, Charterhouse, Godalming, at 2.30 pm on Saturday 19th June 1993.

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ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL IAN GRAEME

Major-General Ian Rollo Graeme, CB, OBE, Director of Army Recruiting, 1964-67, died on May 14 aged 79. He was born on May 23, 1913.



IAN Graeme was one of General Percival's staff in Singapore in December 1941, when the Japanese invaded Malaya. Early in January 1942, he was ordered to leave Singapore to join General Wavell's staff of the ABDA Command (American, British, Dutch and Australian forces) being established in Java.

He wrote the initial appreciation of the operational situation for Wavell but, when Singapore fell on February 15, it was clear that southeast Asia was beyond redemption and Wavell's staff was dissolved. Graeme sailed for Colombo in HMS *Kedah*, which came under Japanese fire as she escaped to sea. Wavell then gave him the task of editing the war diaries of ABDA Command, including details of the Malayan operations and the fall of Singapore.

Graeme was the son of Colonel J. A. Graeme, Royal Engineers. He was educated at Stowe and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he won the King's Medal and the Benson Memorial Prize. He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1933, and went out to Malaya to become adjutant of the 3rd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment in March 1939. He was one of its battery commanders until just before the Japanese invaded Malaya in December 1941, when he was appointed GSO2 in General Percival's headquarters in Singapore.

The rest of his war service after he returned from Java was in India, including instructing at the Staff College, Quetta. He was a man of acute perception, imagination and intelligence, which made him an outstanding staff officer. He was never afraid to speak his mind, which made him an effective commander as well. Towards the end of the Burma campaign, he was given command of the 136th Field Regiment RA in the last phases of the advance on Rangoon, and arranged a final and quite unauthorised victory salute with every gun and mortar under his command, firing on all Japanese targets on his fire plan. His divisional headquarters was not amused.

He and his regiment were flown into Bangkok and sent up the river Kwai to help rescue Allied prisoners of war held in the notorious labour camps on the Burma railway. He spent five months in Thailand before being sent back to Burma to raise the 1st Burma Field Regiment, using a nucleus of 60 men from his own regiment, which was being disbanded. He had to do his own recruiting of the 800 men needed for the new regiment from the Anglo-Burmese, Karens and Burmese.

The Anglo-Burmese and Karens proved to be reliable, but the Burmese had mostly fought on the Japanese side and could not be trusted. Responsible for counter-gang operations and maintaining security in a large area north of Meiktilla, he became suspicious when frequent contacts by a particular troop with a notorious gang resulted in no kills. Going forward with a Karen escort, he found that the Burmese troop commander involved was a cousin of the gang leader. There was a mutual understanding: the troop commander would get credit for contacts while his cousin remained unscathed.

Before returning to England in 1947, he toured the Shan States and ventured over 100 miles into China. Thereafter, the highlights of his postwar career were exercise planner to General Sir Humphrey Gale, C-in-C BAOR, from 1953-1955, during which he attended the British atomic weapons trials at Maralinger in Australia and became one of the leading specialists in the development of the tactical handling of nuclear weapons; command of the 27th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment in Hong Kong, 1955-57; senior instructor at the Staff College, Camberley, 1957-60; deputy military secretary, 1961-63; deputy director of Personnel Administration, 1963; and finally Director of Army Recruiting, 1964-67. He was appointed OBE in 1955, and CB in 1967.

When he retired from the Army he was offered the job of administrator of *The Guardian* newspaper, but turned it down and instead he concentrated on developing British skiing, first as secretary of the British Ski Federation for 12 years and then as vice-president of the English Ski Council and British Ski Federation.

In 1976 he was invited by the Sports Council to join the Sports Aid Foundation of which he became governor in 1982. He also kept in touch with Stowe and was president of the Old Stoic Society in 1990.

Field Marshal Lord Bramall wrote of him: "Whether he was commanding a regiment... planning officers' careers or organising national skiing in the Alps, every eventuality was catered for, every detail tied up and nothing left to chance."

He married Elizabeth Jean Dyas in 1941, who died in 1991. They had two daughters who survive him.

TREVOR FISK

Trevor Fisk, president of the National Union of Students, 1968-9, has died after a heart attack in Orlando, Florida, aged 50. He was born on May 8, 1943.



TREVOR FISK was one of the last of the presidents of the National Union of Students to exercise real influence within the corridors of power rather than simply making a noise outside on marches, sit-ins and demonstrations. Although, unlike his successor Jack Straw, he never went into politics, he at one stage displayed just as much potential.

Fisk was born in Ammanford; but his demeanour was more English than his Welsh origins might suggest. He spoke in a quiet, slightly husky voice. He was, however, a formidable student debater who was able to marshal his arguments in a ruthless fashion.

In 1961 he went to the London School of Economics. The early 1960s was a good time to be a student in London with socialist sympathies. By 1964, when Fisk became president of the students' union at the London School of Economics, the Conservative government was lurching to defeat and Harold Wilson was holding out the hope of transforming Britain by "the white heat of the technological revolution".

Young people were the pace-setters whether it was in popular culture (via the Beatles, Mary Quant and Carnaby Street) or on the political scene, where the popular demand (provoked by the Robbins report) was for expansion of higher education.

In 1966 Fisk became secretary of the National Union of Students and was the perfect ambassador to Westminster and Whitehall. It was a time when high-quality research carried out by the the NUS was taken seriously by Labour ministers. Fisk was able to influence policy with an assured self-confidence in frequent face-to-face meetings with ministers and officials.

However, by the time he became president of the NUS in 1968 disenchantment with the Wilson government — and the radicalisation caused by Vietnam — made his Fabian-style of leadership less in tune with the spirit of the times.

It was his misfortune to be president of the NUS when the union was deeply involved in successful national negotiations on student representation and participation with university vice-chancellors and leaders of local authorities.

The negotiations led to agreements which paved the way for major advances for students on every front in higher education. As a result of this, however, Fisk may well have given the impression of being an establishment figure. Whether or not this was the reason, Fisk lost his bid for re-election to Jack Straw by 273 votes to 181.

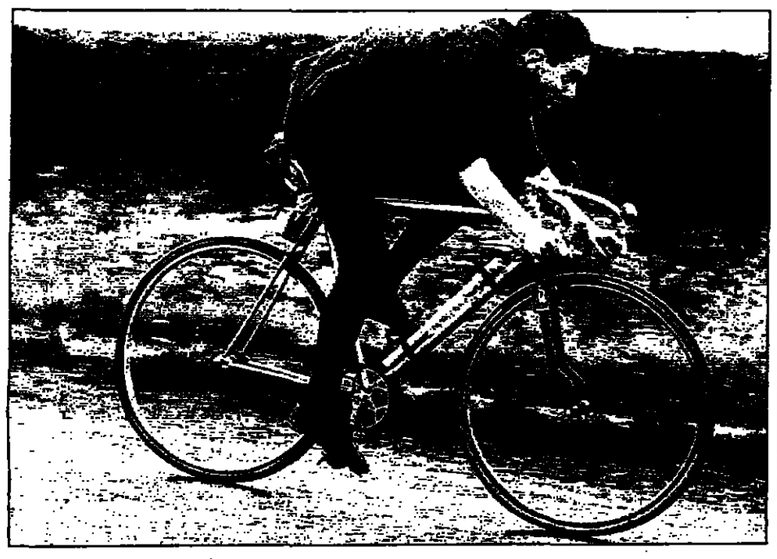
He then switched his energies to the British Steel Corporation, which thought highly enough of him to send him to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he took a Master's degree in business management. During a career spanning almost ten years at British Steel he played a key role in developing policies for the humane management of inevitable change.

At the same time he continued to contribute to Labour party policy development through Fabian pamphlets and a wide range of personal contacts. In the end, however, he never made the leap to the hustings which many had thought was inevitable. Instead, he built a new career for himself in the United States in hospital administration. At the time of his death he was vice-president of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

He is survived by his wife Pamela and their three sons and one daughter.

STANLEY BUTLER

Stanley Meredith Butler, Olympic cyclist, died on May 24 aged 83. He was born in West Norwood, London, on March 5, 1910.



THE death of Stanley Butler severs the last link with Britain's Olympic cycling team at the 1932 Games in Los Angeles where the Chambers brothers, Ernest and Stanley, won silver medals in the tandem sprint and Britain finished fourth in the four kilometres team pursuit.

Butler's natural talent on the road was, unfortunately, diminished at the Games. On the team's cross-country journey *en route* to the competition, Butler was injured during a training ride in Toronto and, as a consequence, started the 100km (62½ miles) Olympic road race badly handicapped.

Road racing was banned in Britain before the second world war by the sport's governing bodies and Butler, like all other racing cyclists, had the choice of track sport or individual early morning time trials on the road.

He excelled in both disciplines and was one of the key contributors to the dominance of his Norwood Paragon team-mate Frank Southall in tandem-paced racing at Herne Hill in which he was partnered by Alan Gordon on the pacing machine.

Southall was the country's leading time trialist in the late 1920s and early 1930s — when the regulation racing apparel was all-black from neck to feet, with the lower half heavy woollen tights and the upper garment an Al Paca jacket.

Butler, always the essence of a good team man, blossomed as an individual after the war years and, although by then a veteran in cycling terms, he won the national 24-hours time trial championship in 1950, covering 458.18 miles in atrocious weather conditions to set a new British record.

Butler has left a legacy of more than rich memories to the sport. His son Keith is a former British professional road-race champion and grandson Gethin is currently the national 100-miles and 12-hours time trial champion.

RABBI MEYER JAIS

Rabbi Meyer Jais, Chief Rabbi of Paris, 1955-79, died in Paris on May 15 aged 86. He was born in Médéa, Algeria, in 1907.



MEYER JAIS was a modest man who nevertheless played a central role in alleviating the suffering of French Jews during tragic events, notably the second world war and the 1960s exodus of Jews from Algeria, that occurred during his lifetime. He was also one of the main architects of the rebirth of the 600,000-strong French Jewish community that has taken place in recent decades.

In 1962, when Algeria won independence following the bitter struggle with France, he worked tirelessly for the integration of the 200,000 Sephardic Jews who, faced with what they claimed was a choice between "the suitcase and the coffin", arrived *en masse* by boat and plane in metropolitan France. This was the largest single wave of Jewish immigrants that France had experienced, far outnumbering previous or later waves from Eastern Europe and Russia.

The arriving Sephardis, many of them penniless, swelled the ranks of the French Jewish community which had shrunk to around 350,000, as a result of wartime deportations. Those who settled in Paris were welcomed into the former Ashkenazi synagogue in the Rue des Tournelles. This had been transformed, at the instigation of Meyer Jais and the Baron Alain de Rothschild, president of the Consistory, into a synagogue for Sephardic rites practised in Constantine, Algeria, where Jais had been chief rabbi during the war years. It was a tremendous help to the refugees that Jais himself had been born in Algeria and was thus a fellow *pied noir*, as the French settlers there were known, who understood their plight better than most.

The man who was to become the first Sephardic Jew to be appointed Chief Rabbi of Paris was born in the former Médéa (now Lemdiyya), near Algiers, but left France as an adolescent. He was educated at the Paris rabbinical college, where he was one of the first pupils from Algeria. He was ordained in 1930, and later earned a philosophy degree from the Sorbonne.

His career as a rabbi began in Hagenau, Alsace, and he came to speak French with a thick Alsatian accent. He remained in eastern France until the outbreak of the second world war when he was mobilised, given the rank of captain and appointed chaplain in Tunis.

In 1940, he was appointed Chief Rabbi of Constantine and also chaplain of the pro-de Gaulle forces in Africa. In Constantine, he was joined by other rabbis from France who had left for North Africa at the request of the Chief Rabbi of France. Their task in Vichy-controlled Algeria was not an easy one, but they had greater liberty than prevailed in France to defend the large Jewish community, not only in Constantine but also in Algiers and Oran.

Following the Liberation, Jais became chief Jewish chaplain of the French Army and then rabbi at the Shasseloup-Laubat and Nazareth synagogues in Paris. He was elected Chief Rabbi of Paris in 1955. Jais did not have the charisma of Jacob Kaplan, the Chief Rabbi of France, but he was the much-needed "homme du terrain", or down-to-earth organiser, when the Sephardic Jews poured into France during a short space of time in 1961-62.

He helped find them homes and jobs. Today's flourishing Jewish community in Paris, notably in the Marais district, is a testimony to his work. The integration of Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews was to transform the outlook of French Jews and is often held up as an example to Israel.

Throughout his 24-year term as Chief Rabbi of Paris, Jais preferred to devote his energies to moral and humanitarian questions rather than become involved in the often bitter, public controversies that followed General de Gaulle's remark, at the time of the 1967 Six Day War, that the Jews were a "domineering" race.

Later, he was awarded the Legion d'Honneur for his service to the Jewish community and the armed forces both during and after the war. By the time Jais retired the number of Jews in the capital had grown to 380,000 — giving France the largest community in Europe and, after New York and Los Angeles, the biggest in the diaspora.

Meyer Jais was author of a Hebrew grammar and also of philosophical works on Judaism. In addition, he arranged for prayers at Yom Kippur to be printed in phonetic Hebrew for those who did not speak the language. He is survived by his wife.

Andrzej Kusniewicz

A POLISH writer and poet, Andrzej Kusniewicz, whose novels were translated into numerous foreign languages, died on May 16 aged 88.

Kusniewicz was the grandson of a French aristocrat, Count Abacourt de Franqueville Kusniewicz, and fought with the French Resistance during the second world war.

He later pursued a diplomatic career and published his first collection of poems when he was 51 years old.

Blas Galindo

BLAS Galindo, one of Mexico's best-loved composers, died on April 19 aged 83.

Galindo was the award-winning author of more than 300 compositions and symphonies, including 60 that have never been presented.

"The death of Blas Galindo takes away a man who was important to music not only in Mexico but to the cultural life of all this continent," said Manuel de Elas, musical director at the National Institute of Fine Arts.

MOPPING UP IN SHANGHAI

From Our Correspondent

SHANGHAI, MAY 26

Mr. R. W. Urquhart, his Majesty's Consul-General, now has, embedded in the mantelpiece of his office, a memento of the fact that the consulate, as well as that of the United States, has been in the firing line in the battle across Soochow Creek, the dividing line between the industrial area and the rest of Shanghai, which is now occupied by the Communists.

The Post Office building and two immense apartment houses north of the creek are manned by Nationalist soldiers, whence they are able to dominate the junction of the creek and the Whangpoo River. This morning a bullet from the westerly apartment house entered the consulate through the window.

The situation along the fighting line is described as serious, as the Nationalists are apparently determined to fight to the end. The position is most serious because there are probably well over 1,000 foreigners resident in one of the apartment buildings, which is a huge structure. They are herded on the third, fourth and fifth floors of the building, with the not one of the many ships congregated in the Whangpoo for the evacuation remains. On the other hand it is clear that all did not escape, and a large number of buses are bringing back to Shanghai troops who have been left behind.

ON THIS DAY
May 27 1949

The fall of Shanghai to the communists marked the end of Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist rule. On October 1 the People's Republic of China was proclaimed, and in December the nationalists moved to Taiwan.

Nationalists on the ground floor. The residents have forsaken the front apartments and are taking refuge in the passages away from missiles. Your Correspondent is informed that Mr Urquhart has obtained a promise from the new chief of police that the building shall *not be bombarded.*

The present situation in northern Shanghai is obscure in the absence of authoritative information. It is stated, however, that Woosung has fallen to attacks from the east and west, most of the Nationalist troops having succeeded in crossing the Whangpoo to Kiaochiao and the sea. It is also stated that

NATIONALISTS PARTLY DISLODGED

From Our Own Correspondent

NEW YORK, MAY 26

Nationalist rearguards who yesterday prevented Communist troops from crossing Soochow Creek into the northen part of Shanghai were partly dislodged from their positions to-day by a combined flanking and frontal attack. They ran up the white flag over one of their strongpoints, the central post office at the northern end of the Szechwan bridge, and the Communists, crossing the bridge — the middle one of three near the outlet of the creek into the Whangpoo river — took many prisoners.

Correspondents have reported that in the occupied central and western parts of Shanghai the invaders are maintaining an impersonal but correct attitude towards foreigners and Chinese residents alike, refusing gifts, or paying for everything offered to them, even bread and the hot water they drink for want of tea.

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Secret debts blight Spanish villas

Harvey Elliott reports on the Britons facing the loss of their homes in Spain unless they pay off loans incurred by developers


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Dream homes: the owners of these villas can rest secure in the knowledge that their homes are safe, but other buyers may not be so fortunate

Hundreds of British families who own properties in Spain could find their villas and apartments being sold without their knowledge because of a loophole in the Spanish property laws.

The recession is forcing many local developers out of business. As banks foreclose, they are discovering that many villas and houses sold to foreigners have hidden mortgages against them, which were taken out by the developers. Under Spanish law, the new owners who know nothing of the loans have to pay them off, together with all the accrued interest and legal fees, or they will lose their homes.

In one village on the Costa Blanca, Torrevieja near Alicante, one entire development of 60 apartments, half of them owned by Britons, has been repossessed and is being put up for auction.

Peter Scott, from Dunstable, Bedfordshire, only discovered that his home was being sold when he returned there last week and found a letter informing him that the three-bedroomed villa he bought 18 months ago for £20,000 was being sold on July 14. "If I hadn't happened to go there last week, I would never have known," he says. "It is an absolute scandal and many people who have not been back to their properties could find themselves in the same boat."

Mr Scott says that when he bought the property he received a document stating that the villa was free of all mortgages and debts. He says he had no idea that the developer, who has now gone out of business, had taken out another loan using it as collateral. Now Mr Scott is responsible for clearing the debt which could be between £5,000 and £7,000 plus interest and legal fees.

The European Commission is under mounting pressure to introduce a community wide model contract to protect "foreign" property buyers. Although the EC is next month expected to approve new legislation to provide protection for timeshare buyers, there is no pan-European legislation covering cross-border property buyers.

The problem is particularly acute in Spain where the property market has collapsed during the recession.

The Euro-MP Edward McMillan-Scott, who has been fighting to increase protection for both cross-border property buyers and timeshare owners for many years, said yesterday: "I would like to see a model contract approved by the EC which would give the same protection to anyone, whether they buy a property in Britain, France, Germany, Spain or any other European country. It is time we had a single market in property as well as in other matters."

Mr McMillan-Scott says he has followed up "literally hundreds" of complaints about property problems, especially in Spain.

"Many people buying a villa in the Mediterranean from Britain are pensioners who simply cannot afford to pay off the debt and the accumulating interest," he says. "If I were thinking of buying a property in Spain I would do so only with enormous circumspection."

Although new laws in Spain are supposed to outlaw the taking of a second mortgage on a property and provide some degree of protection for the buyer, Mr McMillan-Scott says that it is not being applied rigorously and it could be too late to protect thousands of existing home-owners.

Prices have slumped by 50 per cent in some places and apartments that would normally sell for more than £30,000 were being auctioned for as little as £15,000 on the Costa del Sol last weekend. Builders have about 30,000 unsold properties on their hands.

The low price of holiday homes, together with the improvement in the British economy is expected to lead to an increase in the number of Britons buying property in Spain. "We must beware that a rush of new buyers do not get swindled as so many were in the last boom," Mr McMillan-Scott says.

"Other problems they could face include villas built without planning permission which, when it comes to light, means that the new owners do not legally own the properties, services not being laid on and even owners being charged for laying roads outside their homes," he says.

It is estimated that half the one million "foreign" owned properties in Spain have been bought by Britons and that a further 284,000 Britons own timeshares. In 1988, consumer groups estimated that 20 per cent of deals in Spain went sour through faulty title deeds, hidden debts, lack of planning permission or essential services. Despite efforts by the authorities to improve matters, little, it seems, has changed.

Anger over the plight of overseas property owners led to an enquiry by the Cortes (Spanish Parliament) and then to a Royal Decree in 1989. This requires property agents to make a full description of the dwelling and its legal status, with a declaration of any outstanding debts, planning consents or other potential hazards to the buyer. But, it is claimed, the decree has had little impact.

By July this year, an English firm of solicitors — Wilde Sapte — which was commissioned to prepare a study into "information and protection of transactions concerning immovable property purchased by consumers", will have reported to Brussels on the problems and possible solutions.

Mr McMillan-Scott hopes that his proposed new pan-European model contract will be among their suggestions which the EC will then be able to introduce. It will, however, be too late to help the likes of Mr Scott and the other Britons who were convinced that they would be able to relax, or retire, in safety and security along the Mediterranean.

"If Spain and Portugal are to become the Florida of Europe they have got to clean up their act so that people from other European countries can buy property there with security." Mr McMillan-Scott says.

Europass for the pensioner

Britain is first to launch EC discount pass

Britain is to become the first country in the European Community to launch a senior citizen's "Europass" which will give older people discounts for travel, museums, theatres, shops and restaurants.

The pass, designed to bring together a range of existing and new benefits, will also give the holder access to similar discounts in other European countries. If agreement can be reached with the government, it will replace the senior citizens rail card, and give access to discounts and special offers on other goods and services.

The British launch will be followed by similar schemes in other European countries, which, in the long term, will be brought together in a single Europe-wide scheme. The aim is to promote travel within Europe by people who are failing to benefit from existing concessions because they do not know how to claim them.

In France, for example, people over 60 of any nationality are entitled to a "Vermeil 4 Temps" card which gives a 50 per cent discount on four train journeys a year during certain periods. In Spain, holders of the Gold Card, which can also be bought by people over 60 of any nationality, can obtain a 40 per cent discount on train journeys.

In Barcelona, admission to museums is free for everyone over 65, regardless of nationality. In Rhineland, under the "Seniorenkurzurlaub" scheme, senior citizens can enjoy short holidays from Monday to Friday at reduced prices.

To raise awareness of discounts of these kinds, the EC agreed at a seminar held in the Canary Islands this month to introduce a European-wide symbol to be displayed wherever concessions are available. Under EC law, any EC citizen is eligible for any national concession offered by a member country.

A travel and culture guide for older people, listing concessions available in member countries was also launched at the seminar.

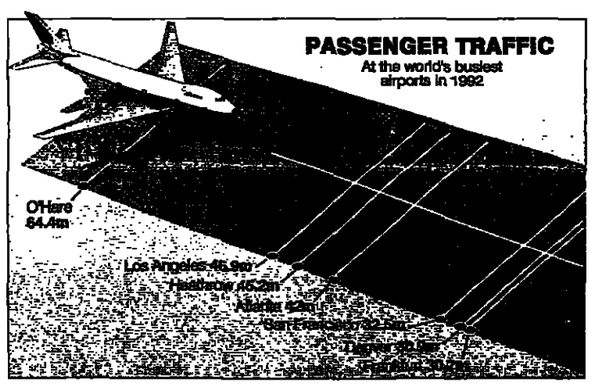
In Britain, negotiations led by Age Concern are under way to enrol private and public institutions in a discount card scheme which is due to be launched in the autumn. It will operate in a similar way to the Countdown card for students introduced in the 1970s which offered discounts on a range of goods and services listed in a directory and identified by a distinctive blue and red symbol.

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O'Hare terminal open for arrivals

The world's busiest airport grows into its role

Chicago's O'Hare airport, the world's busiest, is finally getting an international terminal that befits its status. The £400 million Terminal 5 will be opened for arrivals today and fully operational for departures by the autumn. It is three times the size of the "interim" international terminal which was on the ground floor of a parking garage and too small to accommodate all the overseas airlines using O'Hare.



Terminal 5 is only half a mile from the other terminals, but is linked to them by automated trains which can transfer passengers for domestic flights in under five minutes or to the furthest car parks in fewer than eight. That is a big improvement on John F. Kennedy international airport in New York which relies on buses to transport passengers between terminals. Terminal 5 is the final stage of a ten-year expansion programme to keep O'Hare — described as "the crossroads of the world" — ahead of its competitors as an aviation hub and unrivalled jumping-off point for the Midwest and beyond.

Flying time to Chicago over the Pole from Europe is about 20 minutes longer than to New York, and traffic is growing as airlines and their passengers try to avoid the log-jam on the East Coast.

Terminal 5 takes its design cue from O'Hare's well-liked Terminal 1 — the so-called "Terminal for Tomorrow" — opened six years ago by United Airlines. There has been the same plentiful use of vaulted ceilings and skylights.

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IAN BRODIE

Second Thai week is free

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Travel firms are providing inexpensive deals for companies and tourists

Pick up a business package

The first package deal for business travellers making regular trips to Germany has been launched. It is aimed at the small companies, up to 6,000 of them, whose staff regularly visit Germany, an important trading partner, *Julia Llewellyn Smith writes.*

Many small firms have complained that they are unable to afford the club-class flights and five-star hotels, which make up the traditional trappings of business travel. Two out of three companies with a staff of between one and 150 have recently down-traded their travel arrangements accordingly.

Now London-based GTF Tours, a subsidiary of the German ITS group, Europe's second largest travel company, believes it has the opportunity to present the kind of deals to business travellers usually reserved for package holidaymakers.

Research commissioned by GTF showed that small businesses looking for hotels were not interested in such luxuries as swimming pools and minibars, but had far more basic requirements. Top of the list was a telephone in the room, followed by access to a fax and proximity to the client, even if that meant a night on the city's ring road.

The company also discovered that only one in seven small businessmen was using a travel agency to arrange accommodation. The others were were wasting valuable time researching local facilities and paying top rates for extras such as car hire, which would have come cheaper in a package deal.

Most travellers are, however, anxious not to lose the flexibility which package deals tend to forfeit. GTF therefore produced a package to provide customers with the convenience of a "one-stop shop" to organise all their travel requirements at cheap rates but leaving travel arrangements open. It now offers a wide variety of flights with different carriers from different airports and a choice of 250 hotels, ranging from two to five-star, in 145 centres.

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St Tropez pays price for fame

Brigitte Bardot has launched a savage new attack on St Tropez — the French Riviera village she turned into a fashionable jet-set haven. "Little by little I have seen my paradise turn into hell," Ms Bardot says of St Tropez.

"Not only has devastating and ravaging tourism caused incurable cancer in my pretty little port, polluting, destroying, raping everything in its path — the invasion has spread right up to my little island of peace," Ms Bardot, the former film star, now 59, says.

It is the second such criticism she has made of the village in which she first bought a house in 1958. Four years ago she threatened to leave for good because of the "black tide of human filth" that was engulfing the area. Instead, she married for a fourth time and stayed on.

Now, in an article for the south of France's leading regional newspaper *Nice-Matin*, she says that St Tropez has sunk even lower. Her latest outburst coincided with the local elections, when 5,000 Tropeziens voted to unseat the man she says was causing the problems — the mayor, Alain Spada. But how true is it?

Have the "mediocre, dirty and rude" tourists become *more* repulsive and debauched? Are the bay and its beaches still polluted?

La Treille Muscate, the house where Colette spent the 1920s and 1930s writing about her garden's scents and Provençal flavours, only rarely going "further than the edge of the sea or the edge of the woods...", is hardly visible today. It has a front gate opening on to a fast road. The woods have gone and the back of the house is plastered with graffiti. This is an "appalling tip", BB says, and she is right.

The St Tropez that Colette depicted was a place for *dolce farniente*. Ms Bardot portrays "trucks, diggers, tractors, bulldozers and concrete mixers" obstructing every path and road, "vomiting their fumes and suffocating those stuck behind them for hours".

Both the stench and the disruption are pretty bad, even before the crowds and heat of summer arrive. It is then that the population increases to 80,000 people in camps, caravans, hotels or sleeping rough in the region.

Gone, Ms Bardot says, is the local accent; the scent of chickens roasting in the herbs of Provence; the arrays of vegetables "even the smallest clove of garlic". Local colour now means "parking meters, towaway trucks, wheel clamps, cheap clothes and tasteless nouvelle cuisine at outrageous prices". Sickly scents of candyfloss and *churros*, a deep-fried Spanish speciality, emanate from a funfair blasting rock music at the Place des Lices, where in gentler times, Signac once painted.

But on the food front, several bistros seemed to offer tasty menus at less than exorbitant prices. This is still France, after all.

Then there is "the intolerable noise of fashionable motors, on land, sea or air, that has stifled the bells, the birds and the waves". Even the cigales, the south of France's crickets, have gone quiet, Ms Bardot asserts.

We will not know until the hot weather if the cigales have really done a flit, as La Bardot says she is thinking of doing. But it is unfair to see the changes that have befallen St Tropez in a vacuum. The whole world has altered radically in the past 35 years — a period of prosperity that has brought unprecedented travel and tourism.

The St Tropez experience is probably only worse than that of other Mediterranean resorts in one respect: that it lies at a geographical choke-point, bringing traffic gridlock in July and August. But that denies the BB-effect itself. As Mayor Spada said: "Who brought all this vice and indecency here in the first place?"

Ms Bardot's outbursts say as much about her as they do about St Tropez. For all its faults, at heart, St Tropez is as young and vibrant as ever, and this is what she cannot forgive.

SYGMA



Going to the dogs: Brigitte Bardot out running with her pets in St Tropez during the better times of the early eighties

Trade to China begins to take wing

Rapid economic growth behind the bamboo curtain promises a boom for the airline business

A new non-stop service between London and Peking is expected to bring a further boost to Britain's rapidly expanding trade with China. The British Airways 747-400 service, which began last month, has sliced more than seven hours off the journey time, taking it down to 10 hours 25 minutes.

There has been a marked improvement in China's relations with the rest of the world since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Efforts by the present leadership to project an image of reform and moderation seem to be paying off. Increased foreign investment and production, along with a growth in commercial demand are stimulating economic growth.

Boeing, which expects to sell some 14 per cent of the 340 aircraft it will produce this year to China, predicts that within 20 years, China's economy will be the world's largest. The country will soon have the world's third biggest aviation market, after America and Japan.

Individual trade figures offer further evidence of growth. British exports to China in 1992 were worth £430 million — a 33.5 per cent increase over the previous year — and imports have also grown, with an increase of 34.9 per cent to £954 million.

With such dramatic growth, transportation is a priority sector in China. Work is under way to improve the infrastructure, particularly the airports.

John Beyer, a director of the China Britain Group, says that over the past 18 months, there has been a "huge interest in China" from British firms and an equally enthusiastic reaction from the Chinese business community.

Last year, a 120-strong mission, the biggest from Britain, was led by the trade minister, Richard Needham, on a visit to China to talk about the City of London and what it could offer. According to Mr Beyer, the visit created a great deal of business for British companies.

The growth in air travel in China has led to large orders for aircraft and aero engines, and Rolls-Royce is at present supplying engines to a number of Chinese carriers for both Boeing 757s and Fokker 100s. Last year, Rolls-Royce signed an extension to a £2 million training programme for aeronautical engineers from China. About 50 Chinese engineers have been trained in Derby as instructors in aero engine technology.

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Gatwick outpost

A £50 million plan to turn the privately-owned Redhill aerodrome into a "reliever" airport for Gatwick, is receiving much support in the industry.

The airport in Surrey would be re-equipped to handle 2.5 million passengers a year. Only five miles from Gatwick, it would be used by European "commuter" aircraft, enabling Gatwick's main runway to concentrate on bigger jets on long haul flights.

Nutfield Parish Council, which covers the area, has said that the impact on local villages would be immense and that previous similar planning applications have been rejected on environmental grounds.

Hidden Italy

IN THE outback of Italy there are houses as yet unconverted into holiday homes whose fate could be determined by *Traditional Houses of Rural Italy*, published today. Italy is no longer a predominantly farming economy and many rural houses have fallen out of use. In Tuscany, the charm of farmhouses is well known but other regions remain relatively untouched. The book, will redress the balance. It will also open up new tourist horizons — a fact which the author, Paul Duncan, accepts. As holiday homes, the future of the rural houses would be guaranteed, and their past preserved.

□ Traditional Houses of Rural Italy, *Photography by John Ferro Sims, Collins & Brown, £14.99*

Flying start

DESPITE mounting losses in the world's airline industry, a total of 99 new airlines were set up during 1992 according to the *ABC World Airways* guide. The biggest increase was in Asia with 26 new carriers being created. In Europe, 35 new airlines were set up but 31 went out of business. In America, where 32 airlines went out of business, 23 were created.

China Med

CLUB Med has signed an agreement to build its first holiday village in China. The complex at Sanya, on a beach in the south of Hainan Island, on the Chinese sub-continent, is scheduled to open in 1995. It is to have 350 bedrooms, an 18-hole golf course, a marina and a casino.

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Alan Jenkins introduces a special report with a survey of the steady growth of Scotland's most successful business location

A taste of tartan pride

The signs along the approaches to East Kilbride new town are uncompromising: "Scotland's most successful business location". At the moment, there are no challengers in sight.

A vigorous and sustained programme of planning and development over 45 years has exploited an ideal location ten miles south of Glasgow, on the fringe of the heartland of Scotland's traditional engineering industries, with its generous supply of high-quality labour.

Since the late 1980s, virtually every week has seen the arrival of a new company at East Kilbride, or the expansion of an existing one. In spite of the recession, every shop in the new town centre has stayed in business.

This was Scotland's first new town and, with its population now at more than 70,000 and rising yearly, it is the country's sixth largest town. It is tackling the biggest development programme in its history: six out of every ten companies expect to expand their workforce over the next three years. Despite private housebuilding schemes on a grand scale, demand is still unsatisfied.

Yet by the end of 1995, the new town that grew from a small Lanarkshire farming village must come under new management, by order of the Scottish Office. Its development corporation must be wound up, its assets sold and the funds returned to government.

In Atholl House, its headquarters close to the old village of East Kilbride, the corporation's executives give the impression that they are setting up shop rather than closing down. "The message is that we are still in business," John Shaw, the managing director, says. "There's still a lot to do and we're not tailing off."

The wind-up is complicated by a proposed reorganisation of local government by the spring of 1996. It is clear that, under the umbrella of Scottish Enterprise, the Lanarkshire Development Agency, now coping with the collapse of the heavy industry which traditionally stoked the Scottish economy, will now have a central role. East Kilbride has provided the role model for the regeneration of Lanarkshire.

> Its profits record for a new town is unrivalled

The Scottish Office has made it clear that it would regard a local development company as a potential successor, carrying out marketing, promotion and inward investment services.

At the heart of negotiations is the full-time staff of more than 450 at the development corporation, which has been responsible for turning in a profit every year since 1969, something no other new town in Britain can rival.

Mr Shaw regards the future of his staff as a priority consideration. "My interest is in keeping a core team together within the new town. Lanarkshire has particular problems and it is vital to have a team working together to help deal with them. Our people are highly committed and very marketable. It would be a tragedy if they had to go elsewhere to sell themselves."

FRANK BRADFORD



Keeping East Kilbride on the map: John Shaw

Mr Shaw's platform is one of pioneering, innovation and integration. He dismisses fragmentation and encourages the winning formula of offering investors a complete package of services and support. "A single door approach is the key to success," he says.

His confidence in bridging the takeover may help to reassure industrialists, many of whom voice concern over the break-up of a team they believe has served them well.

David McKay, director and general manager of JVC, says: "We want to maintain the vibrancy of this town. We don't ask for a privileged position for East Kilbride, but we don't want the kind of fragmentation that leads to fruitless local competition. We want to compete worldwide, with Scotland as the winner."

Mr Shaw, too, sees "parochial thinking" as a danger. His team's outward-looking attitudes stretch to university courses in business Japanese for senior executives, and bilingual calling cards.

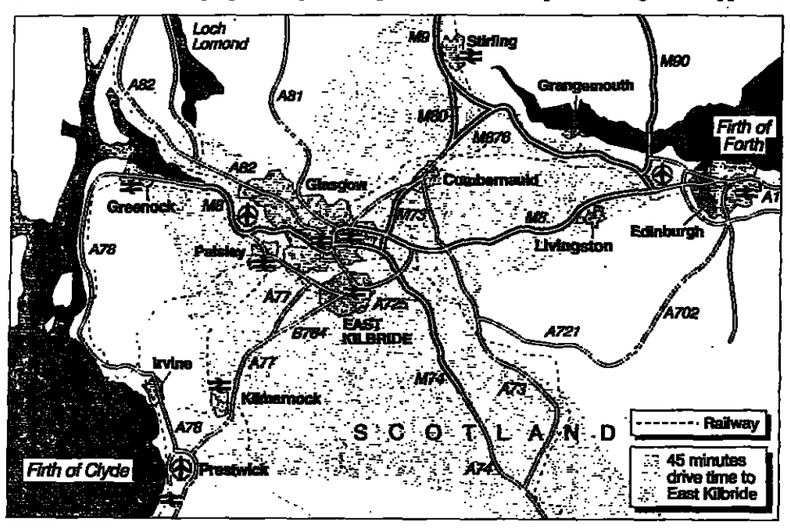
The new town, he believes, has nearly reached its comfortable maximum population, but there is a continuing drive to maintain its 32,000 jobs, the quality and diversity of its industry and the attractiveness of the town for the people who work and live there.

Overseas companies employ almost one in three industrial workers. One company in five is American, and the Japanese figure is almost as high. In electronics, the town has attracted some of the biggest names — Motorola, JVC, AVEX, Fuji, Panasonic, and most recently, Matsushita.

Motorola chose the town for its first semiconductor plant in 1969 and has recently announced a further £40 million investment which will increase its workforce to nearly 2,000. For many years, the biggest employer in the town has been Rolls-Royce, which in 1953 was one of the first companies to move into East Kilbride.

One sign of the town's growing-up process is the closure of the Inland Revenue's offices in the centre. In two years' time, 1,200 staff will move into new offices near the entrance to the Peel Park technology campus.

Even in the hard times of the last year, there was still a net gain in the number of companies operating, says the corporation.





Peel Park, a high-technology business campus consisting of five business parks

For sale: £50 million industrial portfolio

> Everything must go, says the region's largest landlord

It might have been a property ad from *Country Life*. The heading was "Room with a view". In the foreground of the illustration was a tasteful clump of flowers in bloom.

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The subject of this lyricism was 18,000 sq ft of new accommodation on the prestige Peel Park campus, with space for 50 cars. There have, it appears, been "a number of enquiries".

It is ironical that while it is still drumming up business in the commercial property sector, Scotland's largest industrial landlord has already launched a super-sale of its whole portfolio. This year's sales are expected to bring in £50 million, and by the end of 1995 the figure is likely to reach £120 million.

In the last financial year, land for private housing, industrial sites and commercial properties, among them public houses, bookmakers' premises and petrol stations, have produced £14 million.

First on the list for this year's sales was Nerston, the longest-established industrial estate, with buildings dating from the 1950s to the 1980s, and Rolls-Royce among its tenants. Offers "in excess of £3.5 million" for properties with a rental income approaching £500,000 were asked, and negotiations with a British property company with an asset base in Scotland are nearing completion.

On the disposal list are the College Milton industrial estate (£15 million plus) and the Greenhills neighbourhood shopping centre, which includes a Co-operative supermarket. Sales will include strategic sites for future inward investment to Scottish Enterprise.

All this will reinforce a significant change in industrial ownership in Scotland which began with the disposal of properties by the Scottish Development Agency at the end of the 1980s.

For a long time, the public sector has endeavoured to keep factory space running ahead of demand in order to encourage development. Now that the private sector has the opportunity to become the dominant player in the industrial development market, tenants will be watching the effect on rents and the environment. Under Scottish Office rules, only those tenants with an option to buy in their lease will have the automatic right to buy.

Corporation house tenants are still waiting to hear what options lie open to them after 1995. Already interest in buying has been stimulated. More than 13,000 have bought their own houses, but there are still 10,000 rented. The corporation has promised to conduct a ballot among tenants once the choices have been clarified.

The public parts of the town and community-related assets, such as open spaces, will not be dealt with until the last months of the new town's life.

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Spirit that beat the recession

Family values, good services, schools and housing and a sound industrial base are the ingredients for a community with heart

In the spring sunshine, the glassed-over mall of the Olympia Centre is bustling with casually dressed shoppers. This is the social centre of East Kilbride, and it might be Santa Monica. The contrast with some other towns is marked. In this high street there is not one boarded shop front. Remarkably, it has been that way throughout the recession.

Here, the familiar story of the dying town centre has been avoided. Even out-of-town visitors from Ayrshire and north Lanarkshire are coming here for their shopping. The corporation's head of marketing, James Cameron, says: "We wanted a heart to the town that provided a focus for the community and one that did not die in the evenings or on Sundays."

The result is a centre that has won a clutch of awards for its design and innovation, one of them from the Council of Shopping Centres in Las Vegas. At its centre is an ice rink which is at its busiest in the early morning when young skaters drop in for a brisk spin on their way to work.

There is a multi-screen cinema, a fast food court — and a night club. Joint promotions with traders extend throughout the week, encouraging 60 per cent of the shops to open on Sundays. Nearby, the glum precinct of Princes Square, that served the new town well enough in the 1960s, is about to get a £5 million treatment that will give it a glass roof and more variety.

The comparative affluence in much of East Kilbride's population is reflected in the growing private housing development at Stewartfield, the largest in the west of Scotland. Twenty-two builders have been at work there and it is the intention to build 2,000 homes by the end of next year. Already 1,200 have been completed, and the neighbourhood will be served by its own shopping centre, Kingsgate retail park.

This £25 million development will have as its anchor a Sainsbury superstore, the company's second in Scotland and an indication of its intention to become a market leader north of the border. Alongside will be a garden centre, two restaurants and a Boots store.

Home ownership in the new town has risen to 65 per cent, and six out of ten corporation tenants have bought their houses. "Our success", says Mr Cameron, "is in not having gone in for architectural styles that were too fashionable. We have adopted a mainly traditional approach, a solid Scottish style with not much high rise — and that has proved to be very acceptable."

Although many workers who came from Greater Glasgow go on living there, the majority of the workforce now live in the town, and the demand for housing is still high. The new town has matured and many of its 70,000 inhabitants have grown up with it.

John Shaw, managing director of the new town corporation, says: "People who came here in their twenties to find work are now reaching retirement age, so in some cases we are having to provide sheltered housing. People just do not want to leave the town, so we tend to have a unique social structure with a second generation top of the list for accommodation."

As one local put it: "The return to family values has become a reality here. Once again three generations of families from an industrial culture are living close to one another. One result is that we do not have the trouble some other places have."

Parents appear happy with the schools, and there are benefits from living in Silicon Glen. Motorola, for instance, heads a consortium which has developed the world's first teaching microchip. It is designed to instruct pupils aged 14 to 16 in 100 Scottish schools in the fundamentals of chip design and manufacture.

East Kilbride children will be among the first to benefit from studying products that underpin the electronics industry. It is hoped that the initiative will increase the number of children opting for science courses, and the company is hopeful that the project could be extended to every secondary school in Scotland.

A sizeable Japanese community has built up with the influx of major electronics companies. Japanese families arriving for the first time now have a hotline to one of their own countrywomen with a first-hand knowledge of the Scottish scene.

Hiroko Mackenzie, who once made computer games in Kyoto, had already travelled in Scotland before marrying a Scot and settling in Glasgow three years ago. She has now been appointed to manage a Japanese resource centre at the new town's headquarters which has been named The Azami — Japanese for thistle.

The Azami, with talks, classes and a library, will be a meeting place and information centre for families and businessmen. "We want to help newcomers settle here and understand Scottish ways," says Hiroko. "Most Japanese coming here learn English but sometimes it is not easy to understand the local accents when they go shopping. We shall make sure they are not left on their own to cope."



The Olympia Centre and, below, Stewartfield, west Scotland's largest private residential development



Start your own business scheme

An entrepreneurship programme is encouraging high-flyers to go it alone

A home-bred initiative is promising to create a new breed of high-tech jobs that will go on expanding beyond the 1990s. The objective is to equip high-calibre senior managers and professionals with the specialised know-how, confidence and funding to start their own businesses.

Groups of high-flyers, already established in existing companies but wanting to start their own enterprises, are being groomed for a new role under the Lanarkshire entrepreneurship programme which enables them to draw up business plans and translate them into profitable concerns. The project began last year with 30 people, and two more groups have begun work since. Nine new companies have started trading as a result, three are exporting and one promises to be employing 60 people this year.



Archie Bethel: location

The programme, a joint venture between the Lanarkshire Development Agency and East Kilbride District Council, operates within a new technology park in the heart of the new town.

The park is being developed by the agency and the UK National Engineering Laboratory (NEL), now an executive agency of the Department of Trade and Industry and also a candidate for privatisation.

The park provides accommodation and services for high-tech companies and has the support of the NEL's 500 scientists, laboratories and specialised equipment.

NEL chief executive Bill Edgar says: "We have unique facilities, but our prime asset is our internationally respected community of scientists and engineers who can relate to companies employing graduate staff. We also have a marketing programme prepared by the development corporation, that is recognised as one of the best in the UK for producing results."

The edge that this kind of back-up provides is expected to spawn a range of businesses and 2,000 jobs during the next five years. The development agency has a key role in maintaining the business impetus in East Kilbride once the corporation bows out.

Its chief executive Archie Bethel, who lives in East Kilbride, says: "The new town has achieved phenomenal success in attracting business. With its support network, its environment, skilled workforce and quality of life, it offers a first-class location for investors."

The agency regards East Kilbride as the jewel in Lanarkshire's crown. It would dearly like to see its success spread throughout the county. Its association with the town is close and it is already taking responsibility for a number of key development sites. "It is essential that we continue to develop these sites as a means of maintaining East Kilbride's position as Scotland's most successful business location," Mr Bethel says.

The development corporation, in turn, has been contributing its expertise in providing services for the neighbouring Blantyre Park, one of the nine sites of the Lanarkshire Enterprise Zone.

East Kilbride district council, itself awaiting its fate in local government reorganisation, has recognised the need to ensure a continual supply of prime industrial land and property and to encourage a wide range of small businesses.

It has bought 120 acres of agricultural land alongside the existing Kelvin South business park and is developing it as Langlands Industrial Park, involving a joint venture with the development agency and European funding through the Strathclyde Integrated Development Operation. First sites will be available from the end of next year.

Another move towards assisting traditional businesses is the renovation of the old village. In response to market surveys, the council is planning the creation of offices suitable for estate agencies, architects, surveyors and financial services.

Where quality is king



A sake ceremony at the opening of Fuji Electric in East Kilbride where product quality is rated as high as in Japan

The workforce and the productivity are second to none, say the bosses

Ask any major company in East Kilbride what makes this particular location successful and it is likely to answer: "The workforce". Whatever the company's label, whether it is European, American or Japanese, the Scots have won popularity for their dedication.

"You are unlikely to get better anywhere in the world," says David McKay, director and general manager of JVC, the electronics company. "The labour force capability never ceases to amaze me," adds Michael Beith, the managing director of Medical Productions.

An independent study by the University of Strathclyde confirms that the productivity of plants in the new town is considerably higher on average than that of sister plants outside Scotland.

Almost all the 125 businesses questioned were satisfied with their employees' attitude to work. Absenteeism accounts for less than one day in 50, and labour turnover has fallen to 8.5 per cent.

Almost half the companies now have quality management schemes and more than half have formal customer-care programmes supported by their employees. All but one in 20 have training schemes.

Motorola expects every employee to have at least one week's formal training a year and is investing £2 million over the next three years in its programme. One of its directors, Tony Joyce, says: "The high quality and stability of our workforce is our principal asset. Productivity compares with the best in the world."

Motorola has strong links with the universities. "Our sponsorship has created a pipeline of skills and we are richly served by graduates," Mr Joyce says.

Computer accessory company Inmac (UK) was set up six years ago as the European manufacturing division of Inmac Inc of California. It originally reported to Santa Clara, but East Kilbride proved more productive than either the company's Californian or Mexican plants. Now they report to East Kilbride, which is rated higher for both skills and flexibility.

A sympathetic environment is one of the reasons company chiefs give to explain the high level of worker satisfaction in the new town. Apart from the four golf courses, woodlands and features such as Protec's Japanese garden, recent innovations have included Scottish Nuclear's striking new HQ at the entrance to Peel Park, the town's western gateway.

The 450 people who work there agree that entering the building is like going aboard a fantasy ocean liner. Its 35,000 sq ft of floor-to-ceiling glass and its cruciform shape enable everyone to have their share of natural light.

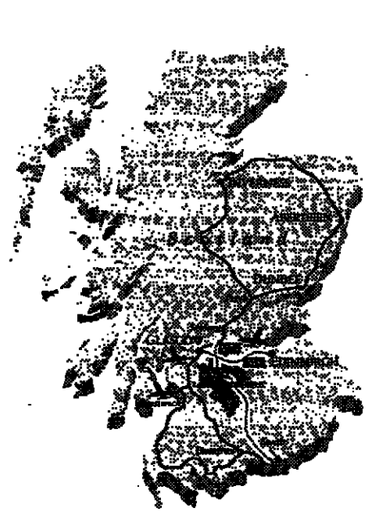
Its ornamental pond is home to 11 large carp, the gift of a local hospital which received rose bushes in return. Staff wax lyrical about its location. "A minute from the office," says one. "I have walked under the trees beside a natural waterfall in January and seen the daffodils blooming."

On the same high-tech campus, Fuji Electric (Scotland) has seen its new enterprise bloom in a remarkable way. From a green field site, its purpose-built plant was up and running within six months. It first order was shipped to Germany six weeks ahead of schedule.

The 78 employees, expected to grow to 100, win praise from its Japanese managing director for productivity and product quality, rated as high as Japan.

Not all the town's manufacturers are high-tech. Kilt, bagpipe and whisky flask makers keep the Saltire flying. Art Pewter Silver, which moved from a disused farmhouse to the new town in 1968, has been meeting repeat orders for its medieval-style jewellery from a store on Main Street at Euro Disney.

And Eaglesfield Fashions has triumphed with orders for 20,000 tartan skirts for the United States and 2,000 mini-kilts for Japan.



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Then there's the location of Scotland's "Eurocentral" European Rail Freight Terminal at Mossend within an 800 acre site (part of which is in the Enterprise Zone) for industrial development, making Lanarkshire, quite literally the hub of Scotland's freight transport network.

Strategically located to connect with the Channel Tunnel rail network, Eurocentral will provide Scottish companies with a fast, efficient link with the new European market.

Whatever the business, the combination of incentives, location and a willing and skilled workforce makes Lanarkshire a unique home for any enterprise.

To find out more about the Lanarkshire Enterprise Zone and any other LDA sites, contact the Customer Services Department on **0698 745000**.

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NEWS

Shuffle now, Major urged

■ John Major was urged by senior ministers to carry out a speedy reshuffle of his government or kill the fevered speculation. For the third day running, the prime minister declined to stamp on rumours that he is about to shake up the cabinet and move Norman Lamont from the Treasury.

Ministers privately complained that the government was in danger of being paralysed by the uncertainty. "Everyone has gone berserk," a government source said ..... Page 1

Ministers at odds over M-way sell-off

■ Norman Lamont and John MacGregor, the transport secretary, were at odds over the future of the country's motorway network as jockeying for position within the cabinet intensified against the background of renewed speculation about the Chancellor's future..... Pages 1, 6

Tories at risk

At least 13 Tory MPs, enough to threaten the government's majority in Parliament, are facing financial difficulties and possible eventual bankruptcy because of their losses as names in the Lloyd's of London insurance market ..... Page 1

Carey and divorce

Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said divorce may not be a bad thing, though he insisted that he was not reversing the church stance that marriage is for life..... Page 1

Safer palaces

Urgent fire protection measures for royal palaces — exposed by *The Times* as fire traps — were announced by Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary ..... Pages 1, 5

Weather beaten

The weather was perfect: winds gusting to storm force and surging round the 33 warships and merchantmen anchored off Anglesey. Poor weather for organisers of a royal fleet review but perfect for the wartime Atlantic convoys which the fleet was commemorating ..... Page 2

Poll backs tests

John Patten, the education secretary, launched a final offensive in the war over school tests by releasing a poll showing support from most parents..... Page 2

Miracle escape

The two pilots of an executive jet which crashed into two cars walked away unhurt, together with the car drivers and a passenger. Police described their escape as "*miraculous*"..... Page 3

Private offer

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, offered the private sector a sharply increased role in the National Health Service — though she insisted that the *NHS was "not for sale"* Page 10

Law upheld

The law which allows terrorist suspects to be held without charge for up to a week was overwhelmingly endorsed by the European Court of Human *Rights in Strasbourg after* a challenge by two men from Northern Ireland..... Page 9

Test for Clinton

President Clinton's deficit reduction programme will face its toughest test when the House of Representatives votes today on $250 billion (£162 billion) in proposed tax increases.. Page 12

Nato cautious

Nato backed away from the five-nation "joint action plan" for Bosnia-Herzegovina, refusing to endorse the proposal and raising questions about the feasibility of creating "safe havens" for Muslims ..... Page 11

Germans protest

Thousands of left-wing demonstrators laid siege to the German parliament in a desperate and ultimately unsuccessful attempt *to prevent deputies voting for* tighter asylum rules..... Page 11

University introduces trivial pursuit

■ *The world's first centre of Throwaway Studies opens at the* University of Reading. The Centre for Ephemera Studies will offer scholars the chance to research printed toilet paper, turnpike tickets, chocolate wrappers and prostitutes' calling cards. It will house tons of paper — commonly called rubbish — for the social historian and the linguist..... Page 8

PETER TRIEVNOR



Art blooms: Michael Landy preparing his fresh flower display for the 25th Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, the largest contemporary art show in the world. The flowers for the artist's "Coster Monger Stall" came from New Covent Garden

BUSINESS

Bank lifeline: The Bank of England *has had to step in and create a* £90 million support operation to shore up a handful of small banks whose collapse could have seriously threatened the entire banking *system* ..... Page 25

Sweeteners repaid: British Aerospace has agreed to pay back £57.6 million of state aid given when it bought Rover five years ago, but negotiated a £15 million saving on its tax bill as a result..... Page 25

Markets: The *FT-SE 100 share* index closed up 9.2 at 2,846.9, reversing earlier losses. The pound ended up .12 cents at $1.5452 but eased .08 pfennigs against the German mark to *DM2.5213* Page 28

SPORT

Cricket: Derbyshire beat Somerset 6-3 in a bowling "shoot-out" to qualify for a B&H Cup semi-final against Northamptonshire after rain left the pitch unfit even for a ten-over per side slog..... Page 48

Football: Goals by Steve Staunton and Tony Cascarino gave Ireland a 2-1 win over Albania and took them to second place, behind Spain on goal difference, in World Cup *qualifying group three* .... Page 42

Rugby Union: The British Isles beat North Harbour, 29-13, *in the second* match of their tour to New Zealand, although Dean Richards, the Leicester No 8, was punched in the face after 55 minutes and had *to leave the field* ..... Page 43

FEATURES

Pertinent questions: The popular image of the diplomatic service remains one of people attending endless rounds of cocktail parties. Michael Dynes on reforming British diplomacy..... Page 14

BODY AND MIND

Cut out: Many male surgeons regard their female colleagues as a shoulder for patients to cry on, and *as disco partners. Jeremy Laurance* on women in surgery..... Page 15

TRAVEL NEWS

Hidden debts: Britons could find their Spanish villas being sold without their knowledge because of a *loophole in the law*..... Page 40

ARTS

Kid's stuff: Precocious Hollywood children feature heavily among the new films. In *Jack the Bear* two boys grow up with no mother and an alcoholic father; *Cop and a Half* is a limp comedy thriller teaming up Burt Reynolds and an eight-year-old; and *3 Ninja Kids* brings a touch of Bruce Lee to a *Home Alone* scenario..... Page 37

Gore in the Pit: Cheryl Campbell leads a strong cast at the Barbican Pit in the RSC's revival of Middleton's gory Jacobean tragedy The *Changeling*..... Page 38

Rival revivals: Harry Connick Jr has been touted as the "second Sinatra", but now he has a rival in the swing revivalist stakes: the jazz *guitarist John Pizzarelli* .... Page 39



President Ishaq Khan suffered a blow to his power when the Pakistan supreme court ruled that his sacking of the prime minister was illegal Page 13



Lindi St Clair, the flamboyant prostitute otherwise known as Miss Whiplash, has been made bankrupt by the Inland Revenue Page 2



Rodolphe Gilbert, the world No 92, gave the Parisien crowd a home win to cheer by beating Boris Becker in straight sets at the French Open Page 48

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Looking for the big byte

■ Is Bill Gates, America's youngest billionaire, about to take over the world's entire computer software industry?

Summer days are here

■ *The Times*/Dillons Guide to Summer Reading — a 12-page supplement with the best books for lazy days of leisure

Adventure at Harewood

■ From the Epstein in the entrance hall to Andy Goldsworthy's tree sculptures on the terrace, Harewood House refutes the notion that stately homes and modern art don't mix

TV LISTINGS

Andrew Sachs and Frances de la Tour play an amiably bickering Jewish couple who run a cafe in the *East End of London in Every Silver Lining* (BBC1, 8.30pm), a comedy by Simon Block..... Page 47

OPINION

Scientific progress

British science may be better placed to make its contribution to economic recovery as a result of yesterday's white paper. But anyone with too *high hopes should* remember the days of white heat..... Page 17

Road sense

If all Britain's motorways are not to resemble the M25 on a Friday afternoon, something must be done. *The government has two* choices: to restrict demand or to engage in a massive road-building programme..... Page 17

The pleasure of gales

Whether at ceremonial occasion or rush hour, unspeakable weather brings out the best in the urbanised but still piratical race..... Page 17

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The monarchy is in no great danger from its present opponents. Yet there seems to be a collective neurosis of the political class concerning the way the whole system is working. If present trends cannot be reversed, Britain could experience a general crisis of confidence in the *political class similar to that occurring* in Italy..... Page 16

PHILIP HOWARD

The Princess of Wales has been told by her speech coach *to practise* speaking with marbles in her mouth. Peter Settelen, who once appeared in *Coronation Street*, massages the shoulders of his *clients while they do this*, a therapy more likely to make the nervous ones swallow their marbles than to improve their elocution.... Page 16

LETTERS

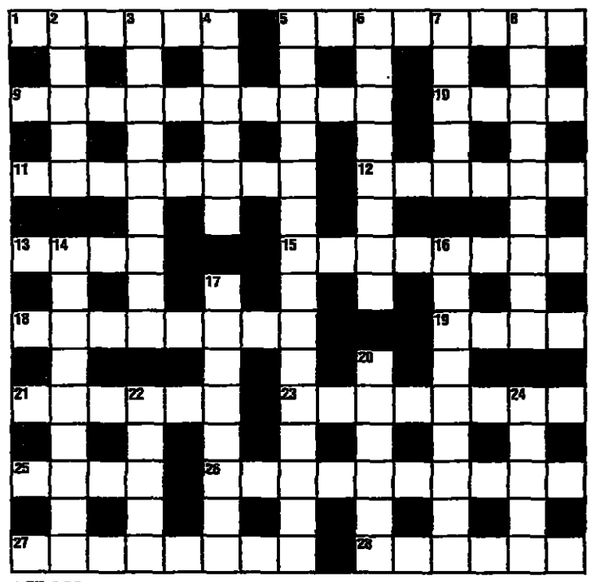
Correspondents' views on the government's proposed cuts in public spending..... Page 19

THE PAPERS

The Clinton team may believe it is trapped inside some sort of fishbowl over haircuts and other minutiae. What this White House has to *learn is that everything it has done* gets transmitted electronically today, including to such redoubts as Baghdad.

— The Wall Street Journal

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,241



ACROSS

1 Helping to collect money to marry (6).
5 Strong players lead a club (4,4).
9 Qualification to challenge a *Name in the City* (10).
10 Shifting dune revealing naturist, perhaps (4).
11 Bearing the cost of delivery? (8).
12 Mother or father before rift (6).
13 A herd *returning to protective* enclosure (4).
15 Inferior accommodation for headquarters soldiers before start of training (8).
18 One willing to provide treats to order (8).
19 Run to shelter on way back from *wind* (4).
21 Container vehicle not reversible (6).
23 Teaching head rather out of date but more to be relied upon (8).
25 Mineral withdrawn from atomic agency (4).
26 One-time pupil educated in Re*move, from the records* (10).
27 Snatches bargain, taking a step back (8).
28 Truly a soldier to join forces (6).

DOWN

2 A number getting work climbing in India (5).
3 *Eminent tenor keeping to beat* (9).
4 Catch up accomplice right away (6).
5 Relations on the way split a tyre — a clean burst (10,5).
6 Nearest to upright of two ways to hold raised sword (8).
7 Victor losing head in target area (5).
8 Command without one of the big guns (9).
14 Take time in choice of theatrical performance (9).
16 Postponements upset plan about speaker's appearance (9).
17 Vehicle made from cannibalized phaetons (8).
20 Be about to go out in Channel (6).
22 Vehicle needs parking, so go by foot (5).
24 Former student about to crack up (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,240

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The Eliminator Crossword explained

● The Eliminator Crossword puzzle, published on Thursday May 20, was intentionally difficult as its purpose was to reduce the number of qualifiers for the Bristol and London Regional finals of *The Times* Knockando Crossword Championship to manageable proportions (John Grant, Crossword Editor, writes). About two thirds of the clues were of the same standard as the ordinary daily puzzle. The *explanations of the remainder* are as follows:

ACROSS

9 Graves = French accents.
12 Asa, King of Judah, grandson of Absalom.
13 Prince Igor of Seversk.
18 Cathar(tic).
24 (W)itch, Sycorax in *The Tempest*.

DOWN

1 FID(ELI)O: Fog Investigation and Dispersal Operation. World War II — Brewer's 20th Century.
3 Anag, Pandarus alas: Sardanapalus, poetic drama by Byron.
7 OK in SIMON rev; Nokomis, grandmother of Longfellow's Hiawatha, on the shores of Lake Superior.
11 Prall(triller, or mordent: see *musical dicts.*
14 Proconsul, a genus of African ape.
19 Tych(o) Brahe, Danish astronomer.
21 BRONTES, name of one of the three Cyclopes who made thunderbolts for Zeus (Oxford Comp. to Classical Lit).

Solution to Eliminator Puzzle No 19,235

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WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly dry, except for patchy rain. Northwest Scotland will be sunny, with the east dull and cool. Rain, possibly heavy, over North Wales and northern England will persist. Southern England and South Wales will be mainly dry with sunny intervals, and showers later. Outlook: rain dying out over the North, then all areas mainly dry with sunny spells.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Luxor	40	104	s
Akrotiri	22	72	s	Madrid	17	63	f
Alex'dria	28	77	s	Majorca	23	73	f
Algiers	24	75	s	Malaga	23	73	f
Amst'dm	20	68	s	Malta	27	81	s
Athens	24	75	f	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Bahrain	35	95	s	Miami*	28	82	c
Bangkok	34	93	f	Milan	29	84	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	7	45	c
Barcelna	23	73	s	Munich	29	84	s
Beirut	29	73	s	Nairobi	26	79	f
Belgrade	27	81	f	Naples	26	79	s
Berlin	15	59	c	N Delhi	38	100	s
Bermuda*	22	72	s	N York*	29	84	c
Biarritz	20	68	f	Nice	23	73	s
Borde'x	18	64	f	Oslo	13	55	f
Brussels	24	75	s	Paris	23	73	f
Budapst	29	84	f	Peking	30	86	s
B Aires*	12	54	s	Perth	23	73	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Prague	23	73	s
Cape Tn	15	59	c	Reykjavik	9	48	s
Chicago*	17	63	c	Rhodes	24	75	s
Ch'church	11	52	r	Rio de J	26	79	f
Cologne	27	81	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
C'phagn	13	55	f	Rome	24	75	s
Corfu	26	79	s	Salzburg	29	84	s
Dublin	9	48	c	S Frisco*	21	70	f
Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Santiago*	11	52	s
Faro	20	68	f	Seoul	25	77	f
Florence	30	86	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Frankfurt	28	82	f	St'kholm	10	50	c
Funchal	17	63	c	Strasb'rg	29	84	s
Geneva	27	81	s	Sydney	17	63	c
Gibraltar	20	68	c	Tangier	20	68	c
Helsinki	8	46	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	c
Hong K	25	77	f	Tenerife	21	70	c
Innsbruck	31	88	s	Tokyo	23	73	r
Istanbul	19	66	f	Toronto*	11	52	c
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tunis	32	90	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Valencia	26	79	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Vanc'ver*	20	68	s
L Palmas	21	70	c	Venice	25	77	s
Le Touet	24	75	s	Vienna	28	82	s
Lisbon	19	66	f	Warsaw	15	59	s
Locarno	26	79	s	Wash'ton*	28	82	f
London	16	61	f	Wel'ton	13	55	r
Luxembg	27	81	s	Zurich	29	84	s

* denotes figures are latest available

OUTLOOK

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (61F): min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6pm, 74 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,005.7 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Eastbourne, East Sussex, 21C (70F); lowest day max Cape Wrath, Highland, 8C (46F); highest *rainfall, Falmouth, Cornwall, 1.31in; highest* sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 6.8hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F): min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.5in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil

EDINBURGH

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F), min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.3hr.

OBSERVATIONS

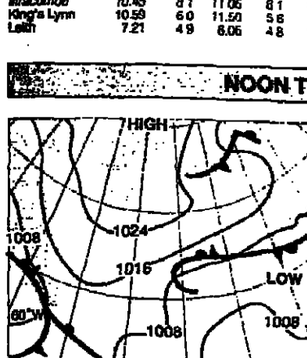
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Aberdeen	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Anglesey	0.6	0.74	12	54	rain
Aviemore	7.8	-	11	52	sunny
Belfast	-	0.01	12	54	rain
Birmingham	0.1	0.55	12	54	thundr
Bognor Regis	1.5	0.12	21	70	cloudy
Bristol	-	0.35	15	59	rain
Buxton	-	0.26	8	46	thundr
Cardiff	-	0.33	13	55	rain
Clacton	0.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.1	0.50	11	52	rain
Cromer	0.5	0.02	13	55	shower
Eastbourne	0.8	-	18	64	cloudy
Edinburgh	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	4.5	-	9	48	bright
Exmouth	0.2	0.93	18	61	rain
Falmouth	-	1.15	15	59	rain
Glasgow	5.3	-	11	52	bright
Guernsey	4.1	0.16	21	70	sunny
Hastings	0.9	-	19	66	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Isle of Man	-	0.11	12	54	cloudy
Jersey	4.2	0.06	23	73	shower
Kinloss	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Leeds	-	0.03	11	52	rain
Lerwick	4.4	-	9	48	bright
Littlehampton	0.7	-	20	68	cloudy
Liverpool	-	0.54	9	48	rain
London	-	-	18	61	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.0	-	14	57	cloudy
Manchester	-	0.50	10	50	thundr
Margate	1.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Minehead	-	0.94	12	54	rain
Morecambe	-	0.16	11	52	rain
Newcastle	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Nottingham	-	0.02	11	52	rain
Penzance	0.8	0.59	17	63	rain
Plymouth	0.8	1.25	17	63	rain
Poole	2.1	0.79	20	68	shower
Salcombe	-	0.85	16	61	dull
Sandown	2.2	0.33	17	63	cloudy
Staunton Snd	-	0.36	16	61	cloudy
Scarborough	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	0.27	15	59	fog
Shanklin	1.9	0.26	17	63	cloudy
Southend	0.1	0.01	15	59	dull
Southsea	2.1	0.21	19	66	cloudy
Stornoway	14.4	-	10	50	sunny
Swanage	2.4	0.98	16	59	shower
Teignmouth	-	0.82	14	57	dull
Tenby	-	0.51	13	55	cloudy
Tiree	12.1	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	-	0.84	16	61	dull
Wick	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy

TOURIST RATES

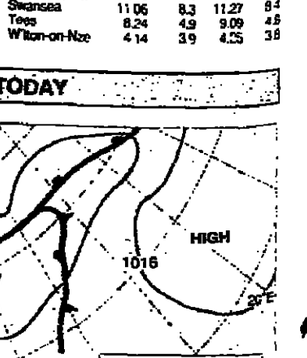
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.305	2.105
Austria Sch	18.75	17.25
Belgium Fr	54.80	50.40
Canada $	2.072	1.912
Denmark Kr	10.26	9.46
Finland Mkk	9.14	8.34
France Fr	8.98	8.28
Germany Dm	2.66	2.46
Greece Dr	355.00	330.00
Hong Kong $	12.58	11.58
Ireland Pt	1.06	1.01
Italy Lira	2385.00	2240.00
Japan Yen	185.00	186.00
Netherlands Gld	2.985	2.755
Norway Kr	11.25	10.45
Portugal Esc	251.00	233.00
South Africa Rd	6.42	5.42
Spain Pta	202.00	189.00
Sweden Kr	11.90	11.10
Switzerland Fr	2.36	2.19
Turkey Lira	18200.0	15200.0
USA $	1.642	1.612

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

MIDNIGHT



NOON



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.33 pm to 4.24 am
Bristol 9.42 pm to 4.34 am
Edinburgh 10.10 pm to 4.11 am
Manchester 9.51 pm to 4.22 am
Penzance 9.48 pm to 4.52 am

Sun rises: 4.54 am
Sun sets: 9.03 pm
Moon rises 11.04 am
Moon sets 12.41 am
First quarter tomorrow

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday. c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	f	Guernsey	18	64	f
B'mingham	10	50	r	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	9	48	r	Jersey	21	70	s
Bristol	12	54	r	London	16	61	f
Cardiff	11	52	r	M'chester	9	48	r
Edinburgh	8	46	c	Newcastle	8	46	c
Glasgow	10	50	c	R'nldsway	11	52	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.26	6.9	6.39	6.6	Liverpool	3.37	8.7	4.11	8.4
Aberdeen	5.52	3.9	6.44	3.7	Lowestoft	2.07	2.1	2.01	2.3
Avonmouth	11.59	11.6			Margate	4.34	4.5	4.48	4.5
Belfast	3.33	3.4	4.06	3.0	Milford Haven	11.02	6.0	11.24	6.1
Cardiff	11.44	10.6			Newquay	9.57	6.1	10.20	5.2
Devonport	10.31	4.7	10.47	4.9	Oban	10.36	3.2	10.42	3.4
Dover	3.25	6.0	3.58	6.1	Penzance	9.41	4.7	9.58	4.9
Falmouth	10.01	4.5	10.17	4.7	Portland	11.24	1.6	11.31	1.7
Glasgow	5.19	4.7	5.59	4.2	Portsmouth	2.40	4.3	4.22	4.4
Harwich	4.18	5.7	4.32	5.6	Shoreham	3.32	5.6	4.10	5.7
Holyhead	2.45	5.2	3.23	4.8	Southampton	3.18	4.1	4.02	4.2
Hull	10.49	6.7	11.31	6.5	Swansea	11.06	8.3	11.27	8.4
Ilfracombe	10.45	8.1	11.06	8.1	Tees	8.24	4.9	9.09	4.8
King's Lynn	10.59	6.0	11.50	5.8	Wilton-on-Nze	4.14	3.9	4.55	3.8
Leith	7.21	4.9	8.06	4.8					

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THE POUND
US $ ..... 1.5452 (+0.0012)
German mark .. 2.5213 (+0.0082)
Exchange index ..... 80.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 ..... 2846.9 (+9.2)
Dow Jones .. 3518.02 (+1.39)*
Nikkei Avg 20895.99 (+264.23)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6-5 15/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/2%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.06-3.05%*
Long Bond 6.99%*

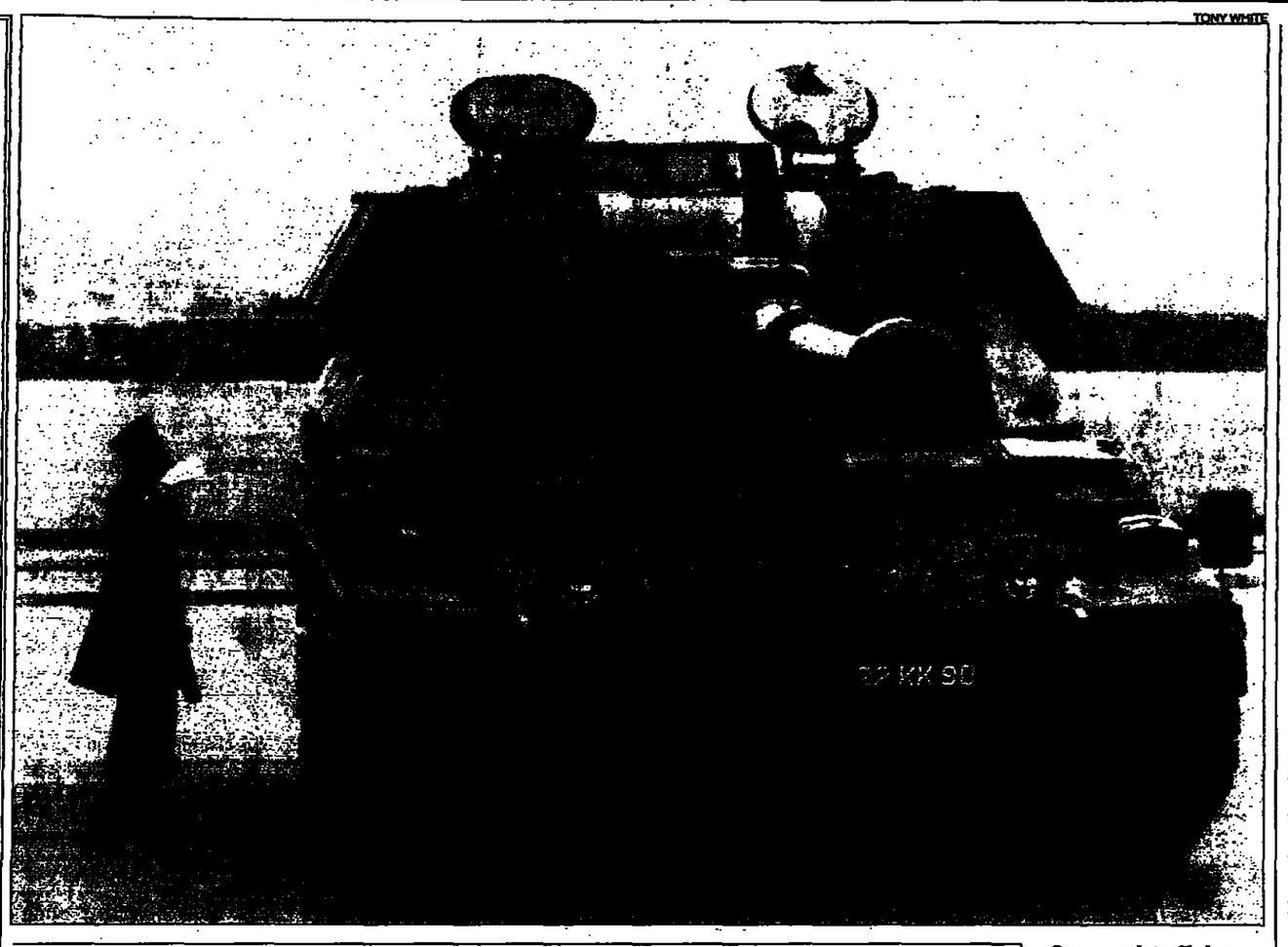
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$:Yen .108.60*	£:Yen ... 167.80
£:SDR ..1.0920	£:ECU ..1.2855

London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($):
AM 377.25 ..... PM 374.50
Close 374.20-374.70
New York:
Comex 374.85-375.35*

RETAIL PRICES
RPI..... 140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price


TONY WHITE

One gun salute: Chelsea pensioner Spike Ellis, 80, yesterday took a look at the first AS90 self-propelled howitzer delivered to the British Army by VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness shipbuilder and armaments maker. Mr Ellis, a veteran of the Royal Horse Artillery, was attending the acceptance ceremony for the weapon at the Royal Artillery barracks in Woolwich, south London. VSEL spent £15 million of its own money developing the gun, described by the army as a "quantum leap" in howitzer technology. The company was rewarded by a Royal Artillery order for 179 guns at a cost of £300 million. The weapon is also expected to find a ready market overseas.

Bank put by £90m for fragile system

The parlous state of the banking system has required the Bank of England to keep secret until now a support operation aimed at preventing the collapse of fringe banks

By George Sivell and Jon Ashworth

BRITAIN'S banking system was in such a fragile state a year ago that the Bank of England set aside £90 million to cover the cost of supporting a few small unnamed banks.

The Bank confirmed yesterday that a support operation was put in place from the middle of 1991 to avert collapses which could have threatened the health of Britain's banking system.

It is understood that the bank made no mention of the operation until yesterday because of the fragility of the banking system a year ago. The bank says it was "successful in containing the potential problem".

The provision is revealed in the Bank of England annual report and accounts yesterday, which discloses that although the government was kept informed of the operation "there was no government guarantee".

Provisions have become necessary against indemnities granted to creditors of the institutions in receipt of support because of prolonged recession and further falls in asset values.

The Bank explains that its support for the banking system followed "substantial withdrawals of wholesale funding from smaller banking institutions arising out of a number of factors, including the pressures on banks in major overseas markets, notably America and Japan, the earlier closure of a number of other small British banks, followed by BCCI, and the reaction to those events by local authorities and other placers of wholesale funds".

Bank officials believe the threat to the banking system did not come from BCCI but that the general problem was given a kick by BCCI in the direction of needing to give support.

Controversy surrounded recent decisions not to support a number of small banks that served the Asian community. Yesterday's report explains: "for a period following the middle of 1991 the bank put in place arrangements to support the liquidity of a few small authorised banking institutions which drew their funds largely from the wholesale markets. The support was designed to avert the possibility of more widespread difficulties in the banking system and in the wider economy, and was successful in containing the potential problem."

The report concludes: "the markets have become calmer since the period in which these arrangements were put in place and there has been an improvement in the position of small authorised institutions. Those supported, and many others which were subject to close monitoring at the time, have been able to reorder their affairs, either by securing fresh longer-term funding on a commercial basis, or by adjusting their activities to the funding now available to them, or by winding down their affairs in an orderly manner."

Yesterday's Bank of England report reveals that Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the outgoing governor, was entitled to £227,444. This will become the salary, frozen over the five-year term of office, paid to Eddie George, the governor designate, who takes over in July. The Bank recently described reports that Mr George would receive £230,000 as wide of the mark.

☐ An appeal by BCCI creditors opposed to the Abu Dhabi compensation plan has been adjourned by the Luxembourg Court of Appeal until June 9. The plan has been approved by courts in Britain, Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands. BCCI's three domiciles, but payments cannot proceed until the outcome of the appeal is known.

About 1,000 BCCI creditors are due at Wembley Arena, north west London, today, to elect a creditors' committee. Christopher Morris of Touche Ross, senior joint liquidator of BCCI, will comment on the handling of BCCI since its closure in July 1991, including the level of fees charged.

BAe agrees to repay £57m for Rover sweeteners

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

BRITISH Aerospace has caved in to pressure from the European Commission and agreed to repay £57.6 million in respect of the sweeteners granted when the group took over the Rover car business from the British government in 1988.

However, BAe has also succeeded in cutting the total amount it will have to repay to the Exchequer by some £15 million, representing tax relief on the repayment agreed with the British government. As a result, the company was putting a brave face on the situation last night.

The sweeteners, which BAe prefers to call state aid, have been the subject of a long-running and expensive legal battle at the EC and in the European Court of Justice, which the British engineering group finally lost last month. A further appeal has been ruled out.

"We're pleased that we have a settlement and we've got it out of the way," a company spokesman said. "There was a time when we felt we were being penalised unfairly."

The British government, when it sold Rover, agreed for a two-year deferment of the £150 million BAe agreed to pay, and the money was only received in 1990. The sweeteners, therefore, constituted the interest on the deferred payment, a total of £33.4 million, along with a further £11 million in costs connected with completing the privatisation of Rover, including the buying out of some private shareholders, that were carried by the government.

The commission has claimed that these arrangements constituted an unfair subsidy under EC law. In addition, the commission wanted to charge further interest running to the date of any settlement on that aid, a figure that has now been fixed at £13.2 million.

Brussels was aiming to put BAe in the same position as if it had not received state aid. But BAe now believes this means it should get tax relief of £15.4 million on the sum to be paid over, and the company says it has reached agreement with the British government and the commission to this effect. Negotiations are continuing with the Inland Revenue, but the necessary funds will be held in special accounts by the Department of Trade and Industry until the tax position is clarified.

The company has argued that without the sweeteners, BAe would have had to take out a loan to buy Rover, and the interest on that loan would have attracted tax relief.

The commission has not balked at this because it regards tax on aid repayments as being a matter for national governments. Instead, the commission welcomed the company's compliance with last month's ruling by Karel van Miert, the competition commissioner, and said it broke new ground in requiring interest to be repaid as well as state aid.

Richard Lapthorne, BAe's finance director, commented: "It was most encouraging to see the manner in which the DTI worked to ensure that the basis for final settlement met the EC requirement fairly."

The £42.2 million net cost to BAe, after tax relief, will not have to come off future profits. Mr Lapthorne said that the sum would be added to the Rover purchase price instead, with a consequent reduction in reserves.

European message is lost in translation



IRWIN STELZER

So Europe is headed into recession, with output due to drop almost 4 per cent in the next year, according to the forecasters DRI/McGraw-Hill. No surprise there: continental economies have been slipping for a while. What is surprising is that America is not getting the messages that Europe's experience is sending.

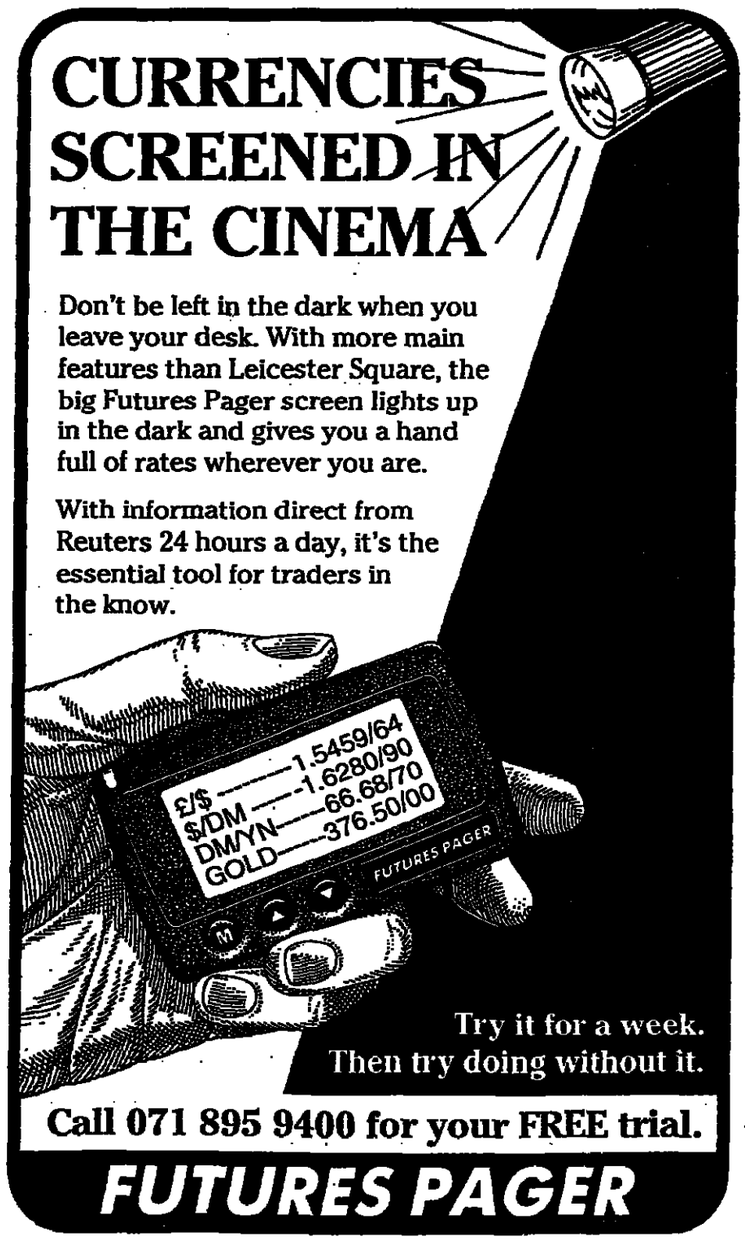
For one thing, hopes that tough talk from the president's trade representative, Mickey Kantor, will miraculously increase America's exports to the EC are doomed to disappointment. It remains in America's long-term interest, and indeed that of Europe, to reduce barriers to trade in farm products, telecoms equipment, services and a host of other products. The opportunities for American companies are substantial.

The communications and financial services industries, in which American companies have a competitive edge, will grow, recession or no. So, if the EC opens its markets, US exports should flow in. But with unemployment rising and electorates mutinous, European governments are unlikely to muster the courage to allow that just now, regardless of formal commitments. Longer run prospects for freer trade look no better. Europe's dedication to the social chapter will leave it with no alternative to some form of protectionism: it will be forced to protect its cost-laden manufacturers from American and Japanese competition — and British competition too, if John Major's sleight of hand does permit Britain to opt out of the social rules. Americans, by the way, doubt he will succeed. Our federal government steadily expanded its powers at the expense of the individual states, despite the constitution specifically reserving many powers to those states. EC bureaucrats will prove no less resourceful in defining the principle of "subsidiarity" out of existence.

European manufacturers know this. They are painfully aware of the social costs they bear. Daimler-Benz is not alone in recognising that its labour costs are so high that it needs protection to hold its European markets and a non-European manufacturing base from which to compete globally. But American policy makers are seemingly oblivious to the message contained in Europe's experience. Lester Thurow, dean of the MIT business school, and other academics are leading an apparently successful effort to get America to abandon what Thurow calls "the individualistic Anglo-Saxon British-American form of capitalism" in favour of "communitarian capitalism", modelled along continental European lines. In practice, this means apprenticeship programmes like Germany's; a universal healthcare system like Britain's, but employer-financed and without the savings from imposed queuing; and benefits such as maternity leave and child care payments, on the most generous scale available in Europe.

It means, too, an industrial policy. Again, America seems undeterred by European experience. The EC's attempt to force a technically inferior high-definition television system on European consumers, in order to benefit a few manufacturers, failed miserably. Yet the Clinton administration is heading down the same path, aiming to invest in potential "winners" in the race to develop new audio-visual, telecommunications and computer technologies. Government programmes to foster new technologies quickly become job-preservation schemes. As if to prove that adage, Clinton's labour secretary, Robert Reich, urged the Federal Communications Commission (which is charged with selecting the best system as the nation's standard) to give weight to the number of jobs each would create. Fortunately, the competing systems this week formed a consortium, making job-padded bids unnecessary. So, just as Europe struggles to cope with the burdens of its uncompetitive cost structure, America seems intent on taking it as a model.

This will happen only if the president succeeds in pushing his programmes through an increasingly unhappy Congress. Moderate members of his own party are trying to persuade him that the left-leading path on to which he has strayed is a road to political oblivion. So far, Mr Clinton is paying about as much attention to these friendly warnings as Mrs Thatcher paid to colleagues who saw the poll tax as a disaster.



Countryside seeks cash to buy land

By Martin Flanagan

COUNTRYSIDE Properties, the housebuilder, has asked shareholders for £16.8 million to take up landbuying opportunities as the economy recovers. The 3-for-11 rights issue at 106p a share was announced alongside a rise in half-time pre-tax profits to £2.60 million from £2.03 million, and a maintained interim dividend of 1.41p. Existing shares closed unchanged at 130p.

Alan Cherry, chairman, said yesterday it was appropriate to expand the group's housebuilding activities as "there are signs the housing market has begun to recover". Countryside said it expected land prices to rise and considered it wise to seize opportunities "sooner rather than later".

Countryside already controls land with planning permission to develop 4,400 new homes. Total forward sales for the group top £100 million, compared with £55 million this time last year. The group completed 655 homes in the first six months and hopes for 1,250 over the full year. Its strategic objective is to be completing 3,000 homes a year in the South East by 1995-6.

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Pipeline may link UK to European gas grid

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

SEVEN leading oil and gas companies are to build a £290 million sub-sea gas pipeline linking Britain's gas transmission to the European gas grid, if sufficient customers for the link can be found.

The project, backed by the British and Belgian governments, would link Britain's southern North Sea receiving station at Bacton, in Norfolk, with Zeebrugge, in Belgium. Zeebrugge is fast emerging as the hub of a growing pan-European gas distribution system. It is already the landing point for the new Zeepipe, carrying gas from the Norwegian sector of the North Sea, and has a terminal for seaborne liquified natural gas.

Linking the British gas transmission system with the continental grid is regarded both in Whitehall and Brussels as an essential plank in the development of a free market in natural gas through the EC.

Ministers believe a gas link would help ensure security of supply and hold down prices by giving Britain access to gas from continental Europe and Russia. Producers believe access to a wider market would also spur development of new North Sea fields. If the link goes ahead, gas will be able to travel in either direction through the 134-mile, 36-inch diameter pipe.



Cash source: Sir Allen Sheppard's group is paying £250 million for BP division

The seven companies involved — British Gas, BP, Conoco, Elf, Norsk Hydro and Statoil, and the Belgian group Distrigas — will be seeking expressions of interest from all potential users of the pipeline during June and July. They hope to place the design contract in October, with work to begin at the end of 1994. If all goes to plan, the first gas movements will begin in October 1997.

For BP the project also reaffirms its commitment to the core energy business: Cash for the venture will not be a problem for Britain's biggest energy group: BP Nutrition yesterday completed the long-awaited disposal of its consumer products division. The business is being bought for £250 million by a consortium chaired by Sir Allen Sheppard, head of Grand Metropolitan. Funding from a group of institutions has been put together by Legal & General Ventures. Sales in the division, which employs 4,000 people making own-brand detergents and personal care materials, were £350 million last year.

Capital in tune with £4.65m

By Philip Pangalos

CAPITAL Radio, Britain's largest independent radio group which recently won control of Midlands Radio after a £17.7 million agreed bid, reported a pre-tax profit of £4.65 million in the six months to end-March.

This compares with a profit of £6.29 million last time, although this has been restated under the FRS3 accounting standard and is boosted by a £2.18 million exceptional profit on last year's sale of the Duke of York's Theatre. Turnover, affected by disposals, was static at £16.1 million.

Despite an increased number of radio stations broadcasting into the London region, Capital strengthened its position as market leader, with 32 per cent of adult listeners tuning into Capital FM each week. Capital Gold, the group's AM station, also performed well, increasing its reach to 19 per cent.

The company said there was a considerable increase in local advertising revenue, although national advertising revenue was flat. Earnings climb to 4.6p (3.9p) a share. A maintained dividend of 1.75p has already been paid ahead of the deadline on Budget changes to ACT. The shares were unchanged at 188p.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Tyrell leaves Abbey for LIG finance post

JAMES Tyrell has stepped down as finance director of Abbey National, the building society turned bank, to take up the same job on July 1 at London International Group. Mr Tyrell, who spent ten years at Abbey National, takes over from David Harbut, who announced his retirement as LIG's group finance director last Christmas. LIG, which last week was rapped over the knuckles by the Stock Exchange for providing price sensitive information to a select group of analysts, said it was delighted to announce Mr Tyrell's appointment.

Mr Tyrell, who was with Abbey National during its conversion to plc status, was managing director of HMV Shops, a subsidiary of Thorn EMI, before joining Abbey National. He is to be succeeded by Ian Harley, currently Abbey National's treasurer.

Construction orders up

BRITISH construction orders showed a strong increase in the first quarter of this year compared to the last three months of 1992, according to the Department of the Environment. Orders rose 22 per cent but were still only 2 per cent up on the first quarter of last year. These figures tell a rather different story to the one provided by Central Statistical Office which said on Tuesday that construction output was still falling in the first quarter.

Auditors face censure

THREE partners at Ernst & Young, the accountant, face disciplinary proceedings over the auditing of Sound Diffusion, the electronics firm that collapsed owing £35 million. The decision follows a DTI report published in May 1991. The English Institute said its investigations committee concluded there was a *prima facie* case for referring to the disciplinary committee the conduct of the three, Paul Rutterman, Howard Brown and Gordon Dewer.

Plysu raises dividend

PLYSU, a maker of plastic bottles, containers and housewares, is raising its dividend to 7p (6p) for the year, with a final payout of 5p (4.35p). Despite disappointing results in Europe, pre-tax profits, boosted by acquisition, climbed to a record £10.8 million in the year to March 31, 14.1 per cent up on last year's figure of £9.47 million. Turnover was 30.9 per cent ahead at £86.4 million. Earnings climb to 15.3p (13.9p) a share.

Cambridge warning

CAMBRIDGE Group, the Irish financial services company, gave warning yesterday it would make "significant losses" in the year to end-February 1993 and would pass the final dividend. It blamed provisions in its confirming division, triggered by the impact on customers of high interest rates and exchange rate volatility in the second half. Publication of the results will be delayed. The company is renegotiating its banking facilities.

Whessoe lifts payout

THE continuing "unhelpful" economic backcloth failed to prevent Whessoe, the engineering and controls company, from boosting operating profits to £3.7 million (£3.2 million) in the six months to end-March. However, under the new FRS3 reporting standard, pre-tax profits fell slightly to £4.02 million against £4.16 million last time. Earnings per share fell to 11.6p from 13.7p and the interim dividend is hoisted 4.5 per cent to 2.3p.

Blue Circle optimistic

RISING cement prices and cost cutting are expected to help Blue Circle bounce back from its profits downturn in 1992, shareholders heard yesterday. Demand for cement was 6 per cent down in the first four months of 1993 on the same period last year, but prospects for the rest of the year were good, Sir Peter Walters, the chairman, told the annual meeting. Price increases come into effect on June 1. A £58 million programme to reduce capacity is ahead of schedule.

Casket coasts ahead

A STRONG performance from bicycle sales helped pre-tax profits at Casket, the bicycles to clothing group, surge to £2.85 million in the year to end-March, from £341,000 last time, restated under the FRS 3 accounting standard. Casket recently won the contract to make and market a range of bicycles under the revolutionary LotusSport brand, on which Britain's Chris Boardman, right, won Olympic gold in Barcelona last summer. The total dividend is 0.8p (0.5p), with a proposed final payout of 0.5p (0.35p).



Gilt auction success

THE Bank of England's gilt auction yesterday was judged to be a success with considerable demand from overseas investors reported. The £3 billion auction of 2006 bonds was covered 1.56 times, healthier than in recent auctions although not quite as high as dealers expected. Another sign that the bidding was competitive was the absence of a "tail" — the difference between the average and highest accepted yield.

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Prudential Securities investigated by SEC

From Philip Robinson in New York

THE Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating Prudential Securities, America's third-largest stockbroker, for the second time in five years.

The latest enquiry centres on Prudential's alleged failure to implement a 1986 agreement with the SEC to toughen supervision of its stockbrokers. The settlement came after an SEC investigation found supervisory weaknesses throughout Prudential's retail operations.

In that case, the SEC censured the firm for failure to supervise brokers in its Atlanta and Jacksonville offices. The SEC said one Jacksonville broker illegally transferred $2 million among customer accounts and two brokers in Atlanta made false statements to clients to support the share price of a restaurant chain headed by the father of one of the brokers.

Prudential was required to hire an outside consultant to perform a review and some procedures were changed.

But the latest enquiry alleges Prudential violated the 1986 agreement by not being tough enough. It is understood the Atlanta branch is again the focus of investigations which also include stockbrokers who worked in recent years at branches in north Dallas, and in Laguna Hills and Newport Beach, California.

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Courtaulds and Hoechst link to promote new fibre

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

Discovered in Coventry and developed in Grimsby, Courtauld's new fibre is forging new markets around the world and is already returning a profit

COURTAULDS is merging its viscose and acrylic fibre operations with those of Hoechst, the German chemicals group, in a joint venture intended to promote the British company's new Tencel fibre in Europe. The shares rose 19p to 541p in response.

The deal is subject to Brussels approval but will leave Courtaulds with what it described as a substantial majority of the joint venture. Courtaulds said it would be seeking economies but declined to give details. About 1,800 jobs were lost at Courtaulds through redundancy and disposals in the past year.

Combined sales of the joint venture are about £369 million, of which Courtaulds' share is £238 million. The combined operations have 2,650 employees, of which 1,025 are in Britain, 450 in Spain and 1,175 in Germany. Courtaulds has viscose and acrylic fibre operations in Grimsby, Humberside, and acrylic fibre operations in Barcelona. Hoescht's viscose and acrylic fibre operations are in Kelheim, Germany.

Sipko Huismans, the Courtaulds chief executive, said the joint venture "puts us back to lead player in Europe as well as in America".

Tencel is a viscose-like fibre that looks like denim but feels like silk. It has come into profit during the past six months thanks to success in the Japanese market.

It was discovered in Coventry, West Midlands, developed in Grimsby, but at present the only production plant is in Alabama. Building is expected to start on a second production line in September. Courtaulds has spent $90 million on the first Tencel production line and as much again on research, development and the pilot plant.

Mr Huismans said: "The successful technical and business start-up of Tencel in America and the expansion of our Far East operations are long-term developments, which will take time before they have a material impact on overall sales growth."

Courtaulds also revealed profits up from £186.3 million to £192.7 million for the year to end-March, using the FRS3 reporting standard. Operating profits rose from £206.5 million to £208.2 million. Earnings were 35p to 37.6p (35p). A total dividend of 14p (13p) will be paid.

Net debt fell from £232.6 million to £222 million, or from 45 to 40 per cent of shareholders' funds.

Mr Huismans said: "Results were as good as we could have hoped for, given the difficult economic background throughout the year." He said the trading outlook for the business as a whole remained mixed.

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NW Water offers scrip dividend

STEPHEN MARKESON



Rising water: Sir Desmond Pitcher pleased the market with a £17 million profit rise

BY SARAH BAGNALL

NORTH West Water opened the water companies' reporting season by offering shares in lieu of cash dividend. This could save it £60 million for international expansion.

Shareholders have been given the option of a scrip dividend equivalent to 21.4p, or a final cash dividend of 14.75p, taking the total to 21.4p, 8.8 per cent up on last time.

The group announced a £17 million rise in pre-tax profit, to £247 million, for the year to March 31. The results were in line with market expectations and the shares rose 5p to 485p.

There was a £36 million restructuring charge, taking provisioning since 1991 to £109 million. Bob Ferguson, finance director, said the bulk of the new provisions would be used to cover redundancy costs. In the past two years, NW Water has cut staffing at its water business by a quarter, to 5,393.

The group's profits were hit by interest charges of £41 million, up from £15.6 million, reflecting a sharp rise in borrowings.

Mr Ferguson said that was mainly because of investment of £490 million in the core business. The company has the highest capital expenditure in the sector.

The increase in net borrowings, from £296.4 million to £534.6 million, pushed gearing up from 17.5 per cent to 29.1 per cent.

Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman, said that to keep down gearing and to fund the £4 billion investment programme, the company's K factor, the price rise above inflation allowed by the regulator, would have to advance to 8.5 per cent, compared with 5 per cent now.

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Guinness gives profit warning

BY A CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Guinness lost 7p to 460p as Tony Greener, the chairman and chief executive, confirmed market suspicions that profits in the first half of this year would fall short of last year's £353 million.

"At the time of our preliminary figures in March, we said that overall we did not expect market conditions to be significantly more favourable in 1993 than 1992," Mr Greener said at the company's annual meeting.

"In the first half of 1993, we are comparing against a more favourable environment last year and given the difficulties in several of our major markets, interim profits will fall short of last year."

Mr Greener said that in continental Europe, markets were clearly becoming considerably tougher, although the experience of the Cruz Campo venture in Spain was in line with expectations.

There were definite signs of recovery in the US, but recovery had not yet arrived in the UK. Other markets, notably Latin America, continued to perform well.

The second half of 1993, by contrast with the first half, would compare with a period last year when conditions were deteriorating rapidly in many markets, he added.

In March, Guinness announced full-year profits for 1992 down 12 per cent to £795 million after making a charge of £125 million to cover restructuring of its Scottish whisky and Spanish brewing operations.

Shareholders at the meeting criticised the pension arrangements and final salary of the former chairman, Sir Anthony Tennant, revealed in the latest report and accounts.

Accounting rules to be tightened

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

COMPANIES' ability to choose between different merger and acquisition accounting procedures after a takeover bid will be severely reduced under proposals from the Accounting Standards Board.

Acquisitions and Mergers, the board's sixth financial reporting exposure draft (FRED6), aims to confine use of merger accounting to rare cases of equal mergers between two companies that satisfy stringent tests. Acquisition accounting, in which a newly bought company is treated as an asset, would be used in all other cases.

FRED6 marks the second stage of the board's programme to clean up treatment of takeovers, which it regards as the biggest source of unacceptable creative accounting. A paper in April put forward measures to stop acquiring companies writing off excessive amounts through their balance sheets to bolster profits. The latest proposals aim to stop them switching to merger accounting, under which two companies can combine balance sheets and include a full year's profit from a company when it has been bought near the end of its financial year.

Comments are invited by September 30 before a new compulsory standard is written, particularly on an alternative idea of banning merger accounting altogether.

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Imro may increase ombudsman's remit

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE investment ombudsman is likely to be allowed to pursue trustees of unit trusts for compensation. A change to the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation's rules is "in the pipeline", Richard Youard, the ombudsman said yesterday.

The change would allow him to seek compensation from some trustees, particularly if the fund manager was insolvent. Mr Youard has been lobbying Imro, which funds his office, for a change since the Dumenil unit trust group was wound up at the beginning of 1990, after it emerged that the price of units in the firm's 11 trusts had been calculated wrongly. Midland Bank, one of the trustees of Dumenil's funds, admitted that it had failed to carry out proper checks on the fund managers' pricing and was fined £50,000 by Imro.

Mr Youard said this was a "*prima facie* case where trustees hadn't carried out their legal duties", but he could not pursue complaints against them because their activities were outside his jurisdiction. Imro has been considering the rule change for a year and had turned down a previous request from Mr Youard.

The number of complaints received by the investment ombudsman rose 54 per cent this year to 103, Mr Youard said in his annual report. Of these, 92 were resolved, with three going to arbitration. However, only one in ten complaints against fund managers and advisers is passed by Imro to the ombudsman. Imro received 890 complaints, an increase of 8.5 per cent on 1991-2.

Mr Youard said the increase in complaints was mainly because of extra publicity for the scheme combined with the recession. Amounts claimed this year ranged from £5 to £350,000.

QMH directors quit

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

IN the latest chapter in the Queens Moat Hotels saga, Martin Marcus, deputy chairman, and David Hersey, finance director, have resigned with immediate effect.

Both directors were suspended on April 5 after the appointment of Grant Thornton, the accountants, to look into and review the troubled hotel company's financial position. A report is due this week and it is understood that further details are likely to emerge today after all the creditor banks meet to discuss Grant Thornton's findings.

Queens Moat shares were suspended in March at 47½p, pending a clarification of the group's finances, in a surprise move that sent a jolt through the London stock market.

France follows Britain with sell-off of 21 state firms

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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A BILL to privatise 21 state-controlled companies was unveiled by Alphonse Alphandery, the French economy minister yesterday, paving the way for another British import to corrupt the traditional values of French life.

Renault, Air France, Aerospatiale and Snecma, the jet engine maker, have been added to the long list of conservative privatisation targets. Foreigners will be encouraged, not just to lend their ideology, but to subscribe. Although the French government will retain a British-style "golden share" in many concerns, there will, for the first time, be no limit on the holdings which foreigners can acquire.

The privatisation programme is likely to be the largest in western Europe, raising up to Fr40 billion this year and perhaps Fr60 billion a year thereafter.

British merchant banks and other financial and public relations advisers, already building a widening international client base on the strength of their experience in UK privatisations, are expected to win business from the programme.

The sell-off is driven both by the ideology of the conservative administration elected in April and the need to tackle a budget deficit which the government forecasts will reach Fr330 billion, or 4.6 per cent of gross domestic product this year.

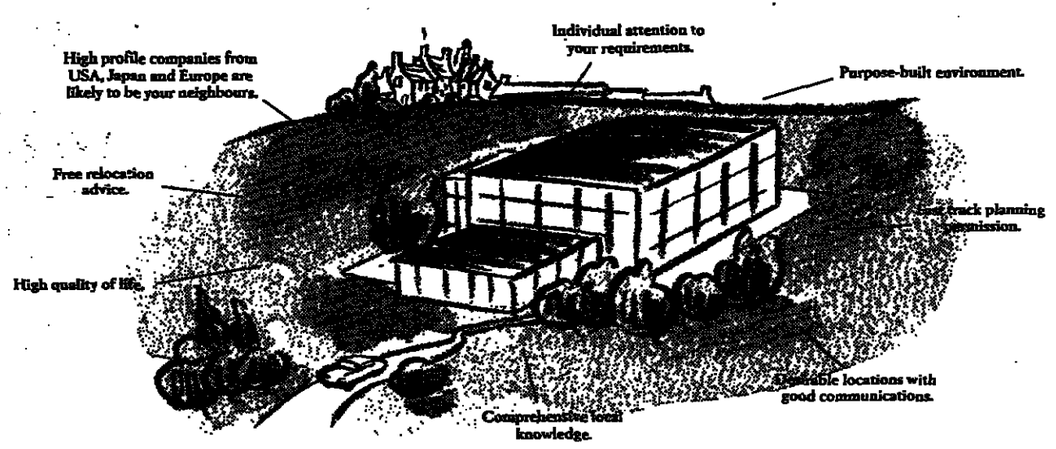
Privatisation has not been at the top of the agenda since 1986, when a conservative parliament forced through sales against the will of president François Mitterrand. But even M Mitterrand's socialists had to resume asset sales, with a tranche of shares in Rhône-Poulenc, the state-controlled chemicals group, heavily over-subscribed in an offer early this year.

Rhône-Poulenc is now back at the head of the sell-off queue, together with Elf-Aquitaine, the energy group. Other industrial companies on the list are Pechiney, the aluminium maker, Usinor-Sacilor, the steel group, Thomson in consumer and specialist electronics, Bull, the computer maker and SEITA, the tobacco group.

The cream of French financial institutions, nationalised by the socialists at the start of the 1980s, are on the "for sale" list with five big insurers. The government is to sell off Banque Nationale de Paris, Credit Lyonnais, Banque Hervet, Société Marseillaise de Credit, Assurances Générales de France, Groupe des Assurances Nationales, Union des Assurances de Paris, Caisse Nationale de Prevoyance-Assurances and Caisse Centrale de Reassurance.

But the poor profitability of some banks and pressures of recession make an early sale of some of the businesses unlikely.

In any case, the scale of the policy shift should not be exaggerated. The French left and right broadly agree companies should rely on private sector capital, but be subject to state influence. The right is simply inclined to sell off a larger proportion of the equity than the left.



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Sales of foreign shares at record

The London Stock Exchange said the first quarter was the busiest ever for overseas equities. Turnover rose 34 per cent on the previous three months, to £116 billion. Trading in French shares reached £21.1 billion, 18 per cent of the total. Japanese securities were next, at £20 billion.

Turnover in UK and Irish equities and government bonds was also up on the previous quarter. Equities climbed 18 per cent, to £130 billion, and gilts 24 per cent, to £395 million.

New equity issues increased by 8 per cent, to £525 million.

Rolls gloom

Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine manufacturer, expects no improvement in trading conditions in the next two years. But Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, told shareholders the company would continue its high level of R&D investment. He said the joint venture with BMW had made an excellent start by winning orders for a new generation of corporate jets.

Jobs boost

Hamilton Oil, the independent oil and gas company, has awarded a £60 million contract to AOC International for the contruction of a new processing terminal at Point of Ayr, in Clwyd, North Wales. The contract will create between 600 and 700 jobs.

No sale

STOREHOUSE, the clothes retailer, has taken its Blazer menswear chain off the market because it considers offers for the business to have been too low. The chain made a £600,000 loss last year.



Up, up and away: a Tokyo foreign exchange dealer in action yesterday; observers expect the yen to rise further

Fears for Japanese exports as yen soars to new high

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

KNITTED brows and long faces were in evidence last night as millions of "salarymen", the white-collar scions of corporate Japan, fought their way on to late-night commuter trains to go home. They were wondering how their companies would survive a sustained period of *endaka* — the dreaded plague, for export-dependent Japan, of an excessively strong yen.

The yen reached a postwar high yesterday against the dollar, closing at Y108.65 after a US government report and comments on Tuesday by Lawrence Summers, the treasury under-secretary. These were interpreted in Japan as indicating that Washington would like to see a strong yen to help reduce Japan's $49.4 billion trade surplus with America.

Despite considerable Bank of Japan intervention, heavy dollar selling pushed the yen skywards, breaking a period of several days during which the dollar had held fast around the Y110 range. A sentiment of mild confidence among dealers, who had believed Y110 could be maintained, was shattered.

Yoshiro Hayashi, the finance minister, dismissed the yen's rise as speculative. He said the leaders of the Group of Seven foremost industrial nations (G7), who meet in Tokyo in July, would take concerted action to stabilise the exchange rate.

Others, closer to the market, are unconvinced. "It is inevitable that the yen will remain high for some time, because Japan's trading partners see this as a means with which to tackle Japan's trade surplus and current account surplus," said Yoshihisa Kitai, an economist at Long Term Credit Bank in Tokyo.

"Japan is likely to be isolated at the G7 talks on foreign exchange control. I expect the yen to rise to the Y105 level. There is not much that can be done, apart from introducing a third supplementary budget to boost imports."

Japanese economists are united in the belief that a sustained high yen will take several years to bring about a reduction of Japan's trade and current account surpluses. The current account surplus reached a record $117.6 billion last year and is expected, in the short term at least, to continue rising, according to the government's Economic Planning Agency.

The nation's global trade surplus hit a record monthly high of $11.2 billion in April and its growth shows no sign of flagging.

STOCK MARKET

Shares overcome early setback in heavy trading

ONLY a positive performance by the financial futures kept the equity market's head above water as share prices traded in narrow limits for much of the day. The FT-SE 100 index recovered an early fall of almost 6 points to end at its best of the day with a rise of 9.2 at 2,846.9.

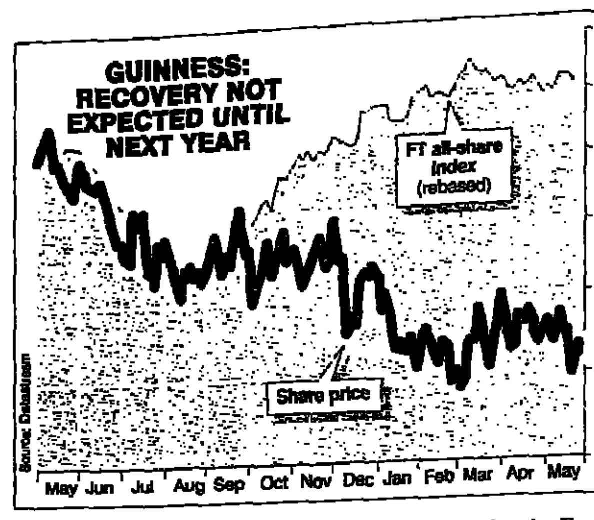
Turnover was the highest, so far, this week with 626 million shares traded. Some of this was generated by market-makers covering open positions on the futures market.

The overall picture could have been a lot different, but the success of the gilt auction and enthusiasm for the BT3 sell-off outweighed gloomy comments on trading from several leading companies.

Guinness finished 7p cheaper at 460p after painting a depressing picture at its annual meeting. Tony Greener, chairman, told shareholders that pre-tax profits in the first half of the year were likely to fall short of the corresponding period. He blamed difficulties in several of the group's main markets.

Forecasting the outcome for the full year would also prove difficult because the second half would compare with the second half of last year when trading conditions deteriorated rapidly. Brokers had been hoping the group would provide some indication of an upturn in the spirits market, the biggest contributor to overall profits, but the company was unable to oblige.

Blue Circle Industries also upset shareholders with the news that domestic cement sales volume had fallen 6 per cent. Sir Peter Walters, chairman, expected results to benefit from rationalisation and last year's acquisitions of heating businesses in France and Germany. But with the shares down 5p at 253p, brokers appeared unconvinced.



Rolls-Royce, the aeroengine group, also shed 1p to 144p as it gave a warning that there was little prospect of improvement in underlying trading conditions in the next couple of years.

Invergordon fell 9p to 288p. There had been vague talk that Whyte & Mackay, with 42 per cent of the shares, might try another full bid.

Steel drum recycling hardly grabs the imagination of most investors but it could provide big returns for Blagden Industries, Europe's leader. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbroker, was pushing the shares to clients yesterday as the price ended 8p better at 173p.

Lonrho continued to attract institutional support, hardening 4p to 122p as more than 7 million shares changed hands. This was in spite of a documentary broadcast last night on Tiny Rowland, the chief executive.

There was no sign of the much talked of rights issue from **Courtaulds**, up 21p at 541p, when full-year figures were published. Pre-tax profits were down from £201.4 million to £191 million, in line with most forecasts. But the group gave a warning that trading patterns remained mixed with positive signs of revival in Britain and America offset by recession in Europe. Net debt has been reduced and the group has established a joint venture merging its European viscose and acrylic fibre business with those of Germany's Hoechst.

North West Water kicked off the water companies' reporting season with pre-tax profits up 7 per cent at £247 million. The figure was struck after a restructuring charge of £36 million and a sharp increase in interest charges.

The rest of the water companies shrugged off the previous day's worries about a possible rights issue in the sector. **Anglian** climbed 8p to 485p along with **Northumbrian** 10p to 595p, **Severn Trent** 10p to 489p, **Southern** 16½p to 497p, **Thames** 7p to 508p, **Welsh** 10p to 561p, **Wessex** 9p to 578p, and **Yorkshire** 9p to 524p.

Kingfisher, the Woolworth to Comet and B&Q stores group, eased 3p to 577p. Darty, the French electrical goods retailer, which it acquired for £560 million earlier this year, reported a small downturn in pre-tax profits.

Abbey National fell 3p to 415p after the departure of James Tyrrell, finance director, who is joining the board of **London International Group**, maker of Durex condoms. He is being replaced by Ian Harley, group treasurer. LIG firmed 3p to 184p.

Perpetual, the investment management group, soared 39p to 440p after more than doubling interim pre-tax profits to £5.1 million and a big increase in the dividend.

MICHAEL CLARK

BRITISH FUNDS

CONFIRMATION of the success of the £3 billion gilt auction provided the signal for a rally by the rest of the bond market after several days of nervousness.

The auction, which was covered 1.56 times, had cast a shadow over sentiment and the outcome encouraged investors. Brokers hope prices will now break out of their current trading range.

However, despite suggestions that market-makers will be squeezed after failing to receive all the stock they had expected, prices closed off their best as profit-taking developed. On the futures market, the June series of the long gilt climbed £½ to finish at £104 25/32 as 78,000 contracts were completed.

In shorts, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 added three ticks to £109⅝. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 finished 12 ticks higher at £104 13/32.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103¼	100¾	Treas 12¾% 1993	100¾	-⅛	12.38	5.69
100¼	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.74
106½	103½	Treas 13¾% 1993	103½ †	-⅛	13.24	5.55
102¾	101½	Treas 8½% 1994	101½	...	8.34	5.67
109¼	106½	Treas 14½% 1994	106¾	...	13.62	5.71
109¾	106½	Exch 13½% 1994	106½	...	12.63	5.72
105¾	104¼	Treas 10% 1994	104½ †	...	9.60	5.75
110¾	107¾	Exch 12½% 1994	107¼	...	11.60	5.89
105¾	103¾	Treas 9% 1994	104¼	...	8.65	6.01
111¾	108¼	Treas 12% 1995	109¾	+⅛	11.01	6.16
95½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95½	...	3.14	5.41
109½	107¾	Exch 10¼% 1995	107¾	+⅛	9.51	6.33
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114¾	+⅛	11.17	6.42
120½	117¾	Treas 14% 1996	117¾	+⅛	11.92	6.69
125½	121¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	121¾	+⅛	12.51	6.83
120¾	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	116½	+⅛	11.34	6.85
111½	108¼	Conv 10% 1996	109½	+⅛	9.14	6.88
122¾	118¾	Treas 13¼% 1997	119¼	+⅛	11.10	7.11
113½	110¾	Exch 10½% 1997	111¼	+⅛	9.45	7.05
108¾	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	+⅛	8.25	7.06
132¾	127¾	Exch 15% 1997	128¾	+⅛	11.70	7.38
112½	109¾	Exch 9¾% 1998	109¾	+⅛	8.90	7.27
103¼	99¾	Treas 7¼% 1998	100¾	+⅛	7.20	7.08
101	97¾	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98¾	+⅛	6.84	7.05
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
138¾	133¾	Treas 15½% 1998	134¾	+⅛	11.55	7.57
122½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	119	+¼	10.08	7.64
112½	108¾	Treas 9½% 1999	108¾	+⅛	8.72	7.54
124¾	120¾	Exch 12¼% 1999	120¾	+¼	10.15	7.74
117¾	112¾	Treas 10½% 1999	113¾	+¼	9.24	7.60
117¾	112¾	Conv 10¼% 1999	112¾xd	+⅛	9.07	7.65
110¾	106	Conv 9% 2000	107¾	+⅛	8.39	7.59
131	125½	Treas 13% 2000	126½	+⅛	10.27	8.01
115¾	109¾	Treas 10% 2001	111½	+⅛	8.96	7.94
129½	125¼	Treas 14% 1998-01	125½ †	+¼	11.14	7.69
114¾	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	110¾	+⅛	8.81	8.08
103¾	97¾	Treas 8% 2003	99¾xd	+¼	8.01	8.00
116½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	112¾	+⅛	8.90	8.18
122¾	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118¾	+⅛	9.70	8.21
74¾	67¾	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70¾	+⅛	4.94	7.38
112½	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	108¾	+⅛	8.74	8.29
112¾	105¾	Conv 9½% 2005	108¾	+¼	8.74	8.31
131¼	124¾	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127¾	+⅛	9.84	8.52
101¾	94¾	Treas 8% 2002-06	97¼	+¼	8.21	8.31
125¾	118¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121¾	+⅛	9.70	8.48
104¼	97¾	Treas 8½% 2007	100¾	+¼	8.42	8.37
139½	131¾	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134¾	+¼	10.03	8.53
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108¾	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	105	+⅛	8.57	8.40
99½	92¾	Treas 8% 2009	96¼	+⅛	8.30	8.44
108½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	104¼	+¼	8.63	8.52
108¾	100¾	Treas 9% 2012	104¾	+⅛	8.63	8.52
76¾	70¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73¾	+¼	7.45	8.21
97¾	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92¾	+⅛	8.38	8.50
135¾	125¾	Exch 12% 2013-17	130¾xd	+⅛	9.18	8.74
105¾	97¾	Treas 8¾% 2017	101¾	+⅛	8.59	8.56
		UNDATED				
48¼	43½	Consols 4%	46¼	+⅛	8.65	...
42¾	38¼	War Ln 3½%	40¼ †	+⅛	8.62	...
63	60¼	Conv 3½%	62	...	5.65	...
31½	28¼	Consols 2½%	29½	-¼	8.37	...
30½	27¾	Treas 2½%	28¼	...	8.70	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
137¼	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	135¾	...	...	1.55
197½	194¾	Treas IL 2% 1996	195¾	+¼	2.07	2.88
109¾	105¾	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107½	+¼	2.44	3.06
166½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164¾	+¼	2.90	3.27
163¾	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161¼	+¼	3.00	3.31
111¼	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110¼	+⅛	3.10	3.39
170½	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	168½	+¼	3.12	3.35
154¾	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152¾	+¼	3.29	3.50
159¾	148¾	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157¾	+⅛	3.36	3.55
131¼	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129¾	+⅛	3.41	3.58
139¾	130¾	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137¾	+¼	3.47	3.64
133¾	124¾	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132½	+⅛	3.52	3.66
111½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109¾	+⅛	3.54	3.67
111¾	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110¾	+⅛	3.55	3.68

WORLD MARKETS

Steady bond markets help Dow edge ahead

New York — Wall Street shares took their cue from a steady bond market and good performance by overseas markets to trade slightly higher. In mid-morning trade, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.22 points at 3,518.85, while advancing shares led declining shares by six to five.

☐ **Tokyo** — Japanese shares ended higher and the Nikkei average finished at its day's high on last-minute index-linked buying. The Nikkei was up 264.23 points, or 1.28 per cent, to 20,895.99.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German shares were expected to continue to rise this week, building on a stable technical basis established over the past few days, dealers said. The Dax index ended 3.82 points higher at 1,622.0.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed easier on profit-taking, brokers said. The Hang Seng index ended 18.46 points lower at 7,349.72.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index closed at 1,868.64, up 7.90 points from Tuesday. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	May 26 midday	May 25 close
AMP Inc	61¾	61¾
AMR Corp	72½	72
Abbott Labs	27¾	28
Aetna Life	53¾	53
Ahmanson (HF)	18	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	42¾	43
Albertson's	53¾	54¾
Alcan Alumnm	19½	19¼
Alco Standard	47½	47¼
Allied Signal	66¼	66¾
Alum Co of Am	68¾	69¼
Amax	22½	22¾
Amerada Hess	55½	56
Amer Brands	32½	32¾
Amer Cyanamid	51½	51¼
Amer El Power	34¼	34¾
Amer Express	28¼	28½
Amer Genl Corp	30½	30½
Amer Home Pr	66¼	66
Amer Intl	126½	126
Amer Stores	43¾	43
Amer T & T	61¼	62
Ameritech	72½	71½
Amoco	55¾	56½
Anheuser-Busch	51¼	51½
Apple Computer	56	56½
Archer Daniels	23½	23¾
Arkla	9¾	9¾
Armco	7½	7½
Armstrng Wrld	30	30½
Asarco	20	19¾
Ashland Oil	26	26¾
Atl Richfield	123	123¼
Auto Data Pro	50¾	50½
Avery Dennison	30	30¾
Avon Products	55¾	55½
Baker Hughes	28	28¾
Baltim Gas & El	24¼	24½
Banc One	53¾	53
BankAmerica	45	44¾
Bank of NY	55	54
Bankers Tr NY	71¼	71¼
Barnett Banks	45¾	44¼
Bausch & Lomb	52	52½
Baxter Intl	29¾	30
Bectn Dickinsn	37½	37¼
Bell Atlantic	54¾	53¾
BellSouth	52	51¾
Black & Decker	19½	19
Block (H&R)	34½	34
Boeing	40¼	40¾
Boise Cascade	26	26
Borden Inc	20	20½
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	60½
Browning Ferris	27½	27½
Burlington Nthn	53½	54
CBS	239¾	238
CNA Financial	89	89
CPC Intl	42¾	42¾
CSX	70½	70¾
Campbell Soup	40½	40¾
Can Pacific	16¼	16¼
Cpl Cities ABC	529¾	530
Cpl Holdings	35½	35½
Carolina Pwr	31½	31½
Caterpillar	70	69¾
Central & SW	31½	30½
Champion Intl	33½	33¼
Chase Manhtn	31½	30¾
Chemical Bk	38½	37½
Chevron Corp	84½	85½
Chrysler	44½	43¾
Chubb Corp	86½	86
Cigna Corp	59¾	58¾
Citicorp	29½	28½
Clorox	50½	50½
Coastal Corp	27	27¼
Coca Cola	41¼	41½
Colgate-Palmolive	59¾	60
Columbia Gas	22½	22½
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	58½	56½
Comp Ass Int	25½	28¼
Conagra	26½	25¾
Cons Edison	33½	33¾
Cons Nat Gas	50½	50½
Cons Rail	53½	53¼
Cooper Inds	50¾	49¾
Corning Inc	33½	33½
Crown Cork	37½	37¼
Dana Corp	51	50¾
Dayton Hudson	73½	74¼
Deere	63½	63¼
Delta Air Lines	60¾	60½
Deluxe Corp	46½	46½
Detroit Edison	34½	34¾
Digital Equip	45¼	44½
Dillard Dept St	40¾	41½
Disney (Walt)	43¾	43¾
Dominion Res	42½	42
Donnelley (RR)	30½	30¼
Dover Corp	47½	47
Dow Chemicals	58½	56½
Dow Jones	29¾	29½
Dresser	22½	22
Duke Power	39½	38¾
Dun & Bradstreet	59¾	59½
Du Pont	52¾	52¾
Eastman Kodak	52¼	52¼
Eaton Corp	88	87

	May 26 midday	May 25 close
Emerson Elec	60¼	60¼
Engelhard Corp	36½	36½
Enron Corp	55¾	55¾
Entergy Corp	34½	34½
Ethyl Corp	29½	29¾
Exxon	64½	65
FMC Corp	45½	45¾
FPL Group	37½	37
Federal Express	48¼	49
Fed Nat Mtge	76¾	75¾
First Chicago	38½	38
First Interstate	58¾	57½
First Union Rlty	10¼	10¼
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	30¾
Fluor Corp	39¾	39¾
Ford Motor	52½	51½
GTE Corp	35½	36¼
Gannett	52½	52½
Gap Inc Del	35½	35¼
Gen Cinema	35½	35½
Gen Dynamics	95¼	95½
Gen Electric	92¼	92½
Gen Mills	65¼	66¼
Gen Motors	40½	39¾
Gen Reinsurance	113¾	111¾
Gen Signal	62¼	62¾
Genuine Parts	38	35½
Georgia Pac	65½	65½
Gillette	53½	52¼
Glaxo ADR	19	19½
Goodrich (BF)	46¼	47¾
Goodyear Tire	39¾	38¾
Grace (WR)	40	40¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	31½	32
Great Wstn Fin	16½	16¾
Halliburton	40½	41½
Heinz (HJ)	38½	38½
Hercules	71½	71¼
Hershey Foods	53½	53½
Hewlett Packard	84½	83¾
Hilton Hotels	48½	47¼
Home Depot	46½	46¼
Homestake Mng	17¾	18
Honeywell	37	37½
Household Intl	68½	68¾
Houston Inds	44¼	44½
Humana	11¼	11½
ITT Corp	83	82¾
Illinois Tool	71½	71¼
INCO	22½	22½
Ingersoll Rand	33	33½
Inland Steel	25½	25½
Intel Corp	109	105¾
IBM	51½	50¾
Intl Flav & Fr	117¼	118
Intl Paper	66¼	67
James River Va	22½	22¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44¼	44¾
K Mart	22¼	23¼
Kellogg	54	53¾
Kerr-McGee	51½	51¼
Kimberly-Clark	47½	47¼
Knight-Ridder	56½	56½
Lilly (Eli)	49½	50
Limited Inc	24½	24¼
LIN Brdcstng	93½	93¼
Lincoln Nat	78½	78¼
Litton	59	60
Liz Claiborne	34¼	33½
Lockheed Corp	60½	61
Louisiand Pac	69½	68
MCI Commun	53	52¾
Marriott	25½	25½
Marsh & McLnn	90½	90¾
Masco Corp	31½	31¾
May Dept St	74	74½
Maytag Corp	15½	15½
McCaw Cellular	41½	41½
McDonalds	49	50
McDonnell D	64½	64½
McGraw Hill	57½	57½
Mead Corp	45½	45½
Medtronic	68½	68¼
Mellon Bk	54½	53½
Melville Corp	46½	46¼
Merck Inc	38	38½
Merrill Lynch	75½	73¼
Minnesota Mine	113¾	114
Mobil Corp	69½	69¾
Monsanto	57½	57¼
Morgan (JP)	67½	66¼
Motorola Inc	80½	78¾
Natl Medical	9¼	9¼
Natl Semi	14¼	14½
Natl Service Ind	25½	26
Navistar Int	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	31¼	30¾
NY Times A	28½	28¼
Newmont Mng	50½	51¼
Niag Mohawk	22½	22¼
Nike B	74	74
NL Industries	4½	4½
Nordstrom	30½	29¾
Norfolk Sthrn	61½	60¾
Nthn State Pwr	44	43½
Norwest Corp	50½	50¾
Nynex Corp	81	80½
Occidental Pet	21¼	21¾
Ohio Edison	24½	24¼
Oracle Systems	41¼	41½

	May 26 midday	May 25 close
Oryx Energy Co	21¾	21½
Owens Corning	40	39¾
PNC Financial	32¼	31½
PPG Industries	73	72¾
Paccar Inc	56¼	56½
Pacificorp	17½	17½
Pac Enterprises	23¾	23¾
Pac Gas & Elect	34½	33¾
Pac Telesis	46	45¾
Pall Corp	19½	19½
Panhandle East	21½	21¼
Paramnt Commn	52¾	52½
Parker Hannifin	31½	32
Penney (JC)	47	47¼
Pennzoil	63½	64
Pepsico	36¼	36½
Pfizer	72½	72¼
Phelps Dodge	46½	46½
Philadel Elec	30	29¾
Philip Morris	51½	51
Phillips Pet	30	30½
Pitney Bowes	43	43
Polaroid	34½	34¾
Price Co	29	28
Primerica	46¼	45½
Procter & Gmbl	49½	49¾
Pub Serv E & G	32½	33
Quaker Oats	73	72½
Ralston Purina	45¼	45¼
Raychem Corp	44	44½
Raytheon	56½	56
Reebok Intl	36½	36½
Reynolds Metals	46¼	47½
Roadway Srvcs	54¾	55
Rockwell Intl	31½	31½
Rohm & Haas	56¾	58¾
Royal Dutch	91½	91½
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	55¼	54¾
St Paul's Cos	79½	79½
Salomon Inc	36½	36
Santa Fe S Pac	17¼	17½
Sara Lee Corp	26¼	26¾
Scecorp	47½	47¼
Schering Plough	67¼	66¾
Schlumberger	65¾	65¾
Scott Paper	38½	38½
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roebuck	53½	53¼
Shell Trans	58½	56¾
Sherwin Wllms	31½	31½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	37½	37½
Southern Co	40½	40½
Sthwestern Bell	37½	38¼
Sprint Corp	32½	32½
Stanley Works	45½	45½
Sun Company	24½	24½
Suntrust	44½	43½
Supervalu	33½	33½
Syntex Corp	19½	19
Sysco Corp	26½	26½
TRW Inc	67½	67
Tandem Comp	13	12½
Tandy Corp	30½	29½
Telecom Corp	2½	2½
Teledyne	19½	19½
Temple Inland	45½	45½
Tenneco	48	48½
Texaco	63½	64½
Texas Inst	65½	64½
Texas Utilities	46½	46½
Textron	50½	49½
Time Warner	36½	36½
Times-Mirror	30½	30½
Timken	31½	31½
Torchmark	53	51½
Toys R Us	39	39
Transamerica	49	49½
Travelers Corp	28½	28½
Tribune	53½	52½
Tyco Labs	40½	40½
UAL Corp	138½	138½
UST Inc	30½	30½
USX Marathon	19	18½
Unilever NV	107½	107¾
Union Camp	45½	45½
Union Carbide	19½	19½
Union Pacific	63	63½
Unisys Corp	11½	11½
USAIR Group	22¼	22¼
USF&G Corp	16½	16½
US Life	38½	38½
US West	42½	42½
United Tech	52½	51½
Unocal Corp	31½	31½
Upjohn	29½	29½
VF Corp	49½	49½
Wal-Mart Stores	28½	28½
Warner-Lambert	74½	73½
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32½	32½
Wells Fargo	105½	103¼
Westinghouse El	15½	15½
Weyerhaeuser	44½	45
Whirlpool	55½	58½
Whitman	13½	13½
Winn Dixie	58½	58½
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34½	34½
Xerox	74½	73½

COMPANY BRIEFS

EUROPEAN COLOUR (Fin)
Pre-tax: £640,000
EPS: 1.35p (0.33p)
Div: 0.525p, mkg 0.8p
Last time's profit was £46,000. Last time's total dividend was 0.65p. Company confident it can continue *to widen its market penetration.*

ROLFE & NOLAN (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.22m (£1.39m)
EPS: 17.7p (15.9p)
Div: 4.65p, mkg 7.2p
Last time's total dividend was 6.2p. *Turnover rose to £11.2m (£6.74m).* Cash and short term deposits rose to £3.24m (£2.29m) at year end.

PERPETUAL (Int)
Pre-tax: £5.09m (£2.18m)
EPS: 13.28p (6.14p)
Div: 1.8p (1.2p)
Turnover advanced to £325.8m (£121.3m). Group confident it will maintain current momentum and hopes to increase final dividend.

PRIME PEOPLE
Pre-tax: £392,225 Loss
LPS: 1p (3.1p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Figures shown are for 10 months, compared with previous year. Last time's loss was £575,518. Bowford Engineering to be sold for £1.06m.

WARNFORD INVS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £7.66m (£8.17m)
EPS: 13.65p (14.51p)
Div: 4.75p, mkg 7.5p
Last time's total dividend was 7.25p. Turnover fell to £12.1m (£12.5m). The group's investment properties were valued at £89.9m (£103.2m).

OLIVES PROPERTY (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.69m Loss
LPS: 21.55p (EPS: 5.78p)
Div: None
There was a profit of £718,635 last time. Company is raising £2.55m through a four-for-three open offer and placing, at 28p a share.

RECENT ISSUES

Break for the Border (48)	56	...
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	33	+2
China Inv Trust (100)	96	-1
China Investment Wts	51	...
Division Group (40)	85	+1
Drew Scientific (105)	140	-11
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wrts	1	...
Irish Continental	160	...
Oriental Smllr Co's Wts	47	-1
Pilkington Warrants	34½	-½
Regent Inns (135)	154	+2
Stagecoach (112)	125	-1
RIGHTS ISSUES		
BTP n/p (185)	53	-2
British Airways n/p (245)	65	...
Compass n/p (420)	69	+1
Conrad Ritblat SG n/p (28)	9	-1
Graystone n/p (8)	1½	...
Jarvis n/p (14)	3½	-½
Royal Ins n/p (255)	33½	+2½
Saatchi & Saatchi n/p (130)	48	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

JW Spear 510p (+40p)
Takeda Chem 819p (+16p)
Euro Disney 848p (+18p)
Bristol 370p (+12p)
Portsmouth Sund 668p (+10p)
Ranger 335p (+10p)
Jarvis Porter 264p (+11p)
Derwent Holdings 468p (+10p)
BAA 751p (+11p)
Tiphook 311p (+12p)
Courtaulds 541p (+19p)
Etam 244p (+10p)
THORN EMI 871p (+15p)
Inchcape 576p (+15p)
Reuters 1352p (+44p)
CRH 276p (+10p)

FALLS:

Abbey 105p (-10p)
Wolseley *647p (-11p)*
Sothebys 925p (-13p)
Mitel 210p (-17p)

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LEGAL NOTICES

David Garson Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 10th June 1993 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 24th May 1993
David Garson, Director

K S AGENCIES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Wednesday 9th June 1993 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 24th day of May 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
W K SCADDON, DIRECTOR

Leveridge and Company Limited
Registered Number: 216559. Nature of business: Printing. Trade Classification: 10. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 24 May 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Royal Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: L A Manning & I P Phillips (office holder nos 6477 & 2636), of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF.

NOBLEGARTH COMPANY
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number 2774485
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF NOBLEGARTH COMPANY
On 20 May 1993 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Roger Marsh and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN were appointed liquidators by the shareholders.
The liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidators, at the above address by 30 June 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidators also give notice that they will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 20 May 1993
Roger Marsh, Joint Liquidator

NONBLEND COMPANY
(IN MEMBERS' LIQUIDATION)
Company number: 2774475
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF NONBLEND COMPANY
On 20 May 1993 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Roger Marsh and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN were appointed liquidators by the shareholders.
The liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidators, at the above address by 30 June 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidators also give notice that they will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 20 May 1993
Roger Marsh, Joint Liquidator

Notice to Creditors to send in particulars of Debts or Claims
COBDEN CHADWICK LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 30th day of June 1993 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of their Debts or Claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Norman Kaye of Crawfords Stanton House 41 Blackfriars Road Salford Manchester M3 7DB the Joint Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Joint Liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their Debts or Claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 13th day of May 1993.
David Norman Kaye
William Scott Martin
Joint Liquidators

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
BOWYER PLANT HIRE & TRANSPORT LIMITED
Registered Number: 827172. Trading Name: As above. Nature of business: Hire of Plant for Construction Industry. Trade Classification: 25. 28. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Norman Sprall and Michael David Gercke (office holder nos. 6278 and 2360). Address: Price Waterhouse Thames Court 1 Victoria Street Windsor Berkshire SL4 1HB.

Notice of Administration Order
BARNABY FOODS PLC
Registered number: 68584. Nature of business: Food Manufacturer. Trade classification: 04. Administration Order made: 10 May 1993. Joint Administrators: M E Mills and W M Roberts (office holder nos. 5318 and 2503 respectively)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
R & W RECORD PLANT SALES LTD
Registered Number: 649998. Trading Name: As above. Nature of business: Hire of Plant for Construction Industry. Trade Classification: 25. 28. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Norman Sprall and Michael David Gercke (office holder nos. 6278 and 2360). Address: Price Waterhouse Thames Court 1 Victoria Street Windsor Berkshire SL4 1HB.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
H M T ENGINEERING LTD
Registered Number: 431760. Trading Name: As above. Nature of business: Hire of Plant for Construction Industry. Trade Classification: 25. 28. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Norman Sprall and Michael David Gercke (office holder nos. 6278 and 2360). Address: Price Waterhouse Thames Court 1 Victoria Street Windsor Berkshire SL4 1HB.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
RECORD TOWER CRANES LTD
Registered Number: 745122. Trading Name: As above. Nature of business: Hire of Plant for Construction Industry. Trade Classification: 25. 28. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Norman Sprall and Michael David Gercke (office holder nos. 6278 and 2360). Address: Price Waterhouse Thames Court 1 Victoria Street Windsor Berkshire SL4 1HB.

Notice of Administration Order
BARNABY HOLDINGS LIMITED
Registered number: 2263606. Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade classification: 04. Administration Order made: 10 May 1993. Joint Administrative Receivers: M E Mills and W M Roberts (office holder nos: 5318 and 2503 respectively)

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Humber Northern Limited
Registered number: 2518135. Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade classification: 46. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Roger Marsh and Gordon Christopher Horsfield (office holder nos: 5925 and 5599). Address: Price Waterhouse 9 Bond Court Leeds LS1 2SN.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Kerfield Scientific Limited
Registered number: 1202649. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 17 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Roger Marsh and Gordon Christopher Horsfield (office holder nos: 5925 and 5599). Address: Price Waterhouse 9 Bond Court Leeds LS1 2SN

Registered Number: 996111
Name of Company.
VALIANT PRESS LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Lansdowne Room, The Wellesley Centre, Lansdowne Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 0XH on Monday the 7th day of June 1993 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of having a report by me, the Administrative Receiver laid before it together with a summary of the statement of affairs of the Company, and if thought fit, to appoint a Creditors' Committee. Forms of proxy are available, which should be completed if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented, and returned to me at Levy Gee and Partners, 7th Floor, Wettern House, 56 Dingwall Road, Croydon, CR0 0XH by the date of the meeting.
In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me, details in writing of your claim not later than 1200 hours on the business day before the day of the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at this meeting.
The statutory report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the named Company, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, is available, free of charge and on written request to me
Paul M Davis ACA,
Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Laurel Goodman Ltd
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 17 May 1993.
Melvyn L Rose FCA, Liquidator.
19 May 1993

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In the matter of Teamcare Ltd
Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey C A Morphitis of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 14 April 1993.
G C A Morphitis, Liquidator.

H.M. LAND REGISTRY
LOST CERTIFICATES
It is proposed to issue a new Certificate to replace the one described below that is stated to have been lost or destroyed. Anyone possessing the missing certificate or objecting to the issue of a new one should at once notify THE DURHAM DISTRICT LAND REGISTRY OF SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, SOUTHFIELD WAY DURHAM DH1 5TR
LAND CERTIFICATE, FREEHOLD TITLE NO SY342438 LAND ON THE SOUTH EAST SIDE OF PARKGATE ROAD NEWDIGATE MOLE VALLEY SURREY. PROPRIETOR EDWARD CHARLES GODDARD of LEIGH WATER MILL FARM CUCKFIELD ROAD ANSTY W SUSSEX

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Sarah Isabella Estridge Plummer
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference MR 228160A/1 CD/Ldn4. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Creed's Trust
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY-313474-A/1-CD-LDN3. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity of James Read
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY 241434A/2-CD/Ldn3.

NOTICE TO IAN PETER SMITH
Court Reference No. D146/93
An action has been raised in Airdrie Sheriff Court, Graham Street, Airdrie, Lanarkshire, by Mrs Audrey McDougall or Smith, 18 Chapelside Avenue, Airdrie, Pursuer, calling as Defender, Ian Peter Smith, whose last known address was at The Stables, Smallshaw Farm, Quarriford, Buxton, Derbyshire. If the said Ian Peter Smith wishes to defend the action against him or to make any claim or lodge any Minute in the said action, he should immediately contact the Sheriff Clerk at Airdrie Sheriff Court, Graham Street, Airdrie, Lanarkshire, (Telephone Number 0236 751121) from whom he may obtain the Service Copy Initial Writ.
JAMES D MILLAR
Miller Beckett & Jackson
7 Academy Street Coatbridge
Solicitors for the Pursuer

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYNINTH ANNUAL MEETING of members of THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY will be held at Bible House, Stonehill Green, Westlea, Swindon, on Friday, 18 June 1993 at 11.30 a.m. to receive the Annual Report and to adopt the audited Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31 December, 1992, to elect the Treasurer and up to thirty-six lay members of the General Committee, and to appoint the Auditors. Nominations for election to the General Committee must be received in writing by 4 June 1993. Only members of the Society may nominate, and candidates for election must also be members of the Society.

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ECONOMIC VIEW

Odd numbers add up to an unwarranted fiscal panic

The current flurry over public spending has more to do with political back-covering than economic necessity says Anatole Kaletsky



The Treasury's incompetence knows no bounds, even when looking after its own. Just when it seemed the economy was finally on the mend, with inflation and unemployment moving in the right direction, the Treasury came up with a new way of sabotaging its own ministers. Having persuaded Norman Lamont to present taxpayers with a £10 billion bill to pay for the Treasury's past mistakes, the mandarins have told Michael Portillo to demand an open-ended direct debit from every pensioner, parent and invalid in Britain, to finance whatever future idiocies they might care to commit.

The Budget tax shakedown had the predictable effect on the Conservative party's political fortunes at Newbury and on Mr Lamont's career. Now, the public spending review will probably lose Christchurch and bury Mr Portillo, the Treasury's favourite candidate to replace Mr Lamont.

Surely public servants rise above such crass political calculations in their stewardship of the nation's finances? Surely, the Treasury and Mr Portillo were only doing their duty when they demanded draconian cuts in welfare to deal with the £50 billion public sector borrowing requirement? Surely there is no alternative to a major contraction of the public sector if Britain is to achieve non-inflationary growth?

No, no and no. In stirring up the present panic about public spending, the Treasury is playing a highly political game. The idea that the review has anything much to with the PSBR explosion is simply false. As for the achievement of rapid growth with low inflation, there is more than one way to skin a cat, although there is no evidence that any of them are known to the denizens of Great George Street.

The last point is obviously the most complex. Economists and politicians will argue forever about the relationship between public spending, taxation and prosperity without reaching a firm conclusion. But this great issue, to which I will return next week, is of secondary importance in the present debate on public spending. For if the balance between taxation and public spending affects economic growth, it is only in the long term.

In the medium term, which means the next two or three years, the public spending review would influence economic recovery and inflation mainly through its indirect effects — on the PSBR and the level of interest rates. If public spending cuts were part of a recovery package designed to tighten fiscal policy while further easing interest rates and sterling, Mr Portillo's review would be of great macroeconomic significance.

In practice, however, the campaign to cut public spending seems to have very little to do with the potentially ruinous £50 billion PSBR. This deficit was caused almost entirely by recession, which is why the last budget was aptly described as "the budget to pay for Norman Lamont's mistakes". The OECD estimated last December that 70 per cent of the deterioration in Britain's public finances was due to the economic downturn.

If you do not believe the OECD, ask the Treasury itself. Not only did the Treasury publish a paper in November 1990 showing that a 10 per cent fall in gross domestic product — which is roughly what Britain has now suffered in relation to cautious estimates of the pre-recession trend — would cause a 7 per cent increase in the ratio of the PSBR to GDP. It added that "there are still reasons for thinking these new estimates (of the cyclical sensitivity of public finances) are too low". And if you do not believe the Treasury's words, look instead at its actions.

Shortly after boasting that government economic policies had shot Britain to the top of the European deficit league, ahead even of Italy, Mr Portillo declared in last week's speech: "reducing deficits on this scale requires action on public spending". The fact is, however, that no such action has been taken or is even being contemplated.

The public spending plans announced last November provided for general government expenditure of £286.6 billion in 1993-4, rising to £302.5 billion in 1994-5. The spending planned for the same years in the 1991 Autumn Statement — before the fiscal crisis became apparent — was £276.5 billion for 1993/4 and £291.1 billion for 1994/5. Back in November 1990, the spending planned for 1993/4 was only £263.9 billion. All of these figures are measured in comparable cash prices. In other words, when the Treasury discovered it was facing a fiscal crisis, it actually decided to spend more than it had pencilled in when it still believed the PSBR was under control. This is an unusual way of "taking action to reduce the PSBR".

The reason for the Treasury's unexpected munificence was not a sudden onrush of generosity, or a Pauline conversion to socialism. It was the inescapable interaction between public spending and recession. Given the improvement in economic prospects since last November, one would expect, therefore, that spending would start to fall of its own accord from 1994 onwards. With recovery under way, spending would naturally fall quite sharply. But this is not what the government has in mind.

According to plans published by Mr Lamont last November, spending will rise slightly in real terms each year until 1996. And no government minister has hinted that spending would be pushed below the levels planned last year; Mr Portillo's best hope is to hold the line on those plans.

This is all very odd. If the government is not actually cutting public spending, but merely trying to control its rate of growth, why doesn't Mr Portillo say so? If economic recovery is set to relieve the financial pressures on the Treasury, why are the spending battles intensifying? Do ministers think they can avoid the opprobrium for tough policies if they blame them on the £50 billion PSBR they themselves caused? This leads us back to politics. Mr Portillo is trying to earn his spurs as a standard-bearer for the Tory right. He is also trying to frighten spending ministers into lowering their bids. Above all, the Treasury mandarins are trying to blame the elemental force of overspending to conceal their own responsibility for the present fiscal crisis, and distract attention from the obvious macroeconomic solution: low interest rates, a cheap pound and rapid economic growth.

In the meantime, profoundly important arguments about the welfare state and the government's role in a mixed economy are being overshadowed by unwarranted fiscal panic. To these arguments, I hope to return next week.

Splashing about

ENTHUSIASM for water utilities has been decidedly lukewarm of late, with shares in the sector underperforming the market by 11.5 per cent since mid-April.

The cause of this disenchantment is the uncertainty on future pricing. Until the regulatory review is completed in July 1994, the all-important K factors, the amount by which the water companies can increase prices above inflation, will remain up in the air. The issue is critical for the industry, which needs price rises to support the billions it is required to invest in its infrastructure to meet regulatory requirements.

North West Water, set to spend up to £4 billion between 1995 and 2000, reckons it needs a K factor of at least 8.5 percentage points to maintain acceptable gearing and interest cover. On average, water companies are looking for real rises of 6 to 11 per cent. Ian Byatt, Ofwat director-general, wants real price increases of only 2 per cent. This is a sizeable gap, amounting to some £4 billion of revenue. The entire sector is expected to make only £1.6 billion in profit this year.

Regulator and companies hold divergent views on acceptable gearing. North West, whose borrowings are 29 per cent of equity, says it would be comfortable for this to rise to 50-100 per cent. Mr Byatt, however, has mooted sector gearing up to 300 per cent on this definition.

The sector will probably continue to underperform in this period of regulatory uncertainty. Those pondering additional investment in the sector should prefer companies with the strongest balance sheets and dividend cover rather than North West.

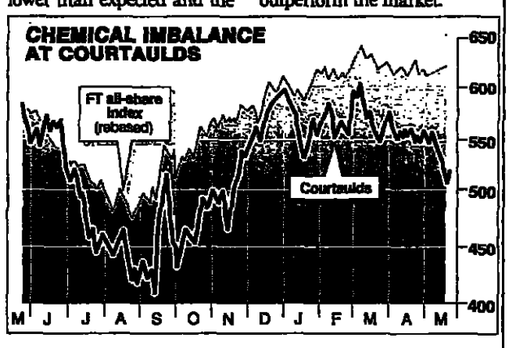
Courtaulds

The performance of Courtaulds' shares has been distinctly underwhelming over the past year. Apart from the recent false rights issue rumour, the group has been the victim of the City's preference for cyclical recovery stocks. Courtaulds is viewed as more of a steady plodder.

With pre-tax profit up by only 3 per cent and earnings per share 7 per cent higher, the latest trading results would not alter that perception. There is, however, more exciting news. Demand for Tencel, its revolutionary new fibre, has exceeded expectations and capacity is likely to be doubled later this year. Furthermore, Courtaulds probably has a four-year lead over its rivals and will undoubtedly open new markets for Tencel by merging its viscose and acrylic operations with Hoechst. This is encouraging, although Tencel is unlikely to achieve sales in excess of £100 million — even with a doubling of production capacity. This compares to group sales of £2 billion. The product is good, but may not be big enough to make a material impact.

At 40 per cent, gearing was lower than expected and the fibre merger appears to lay to rest the supposed threat of a rights issue. The gearing figure is, however, flattered by an agreed £50 million transfer from the group's surplus-rich pension fund.

Economic recovery and currency benefits will also help Courtaulds this year, but the shares will still struggle to outperform the market.



FRED6

THE clampdown on merger accounting proposed by the Accounting Standards Board was expected to be the least controversial element in its three-sided attack on creative accounting for takeovers. The April discussion paper on fair values in acquisition accounting aims to fence off the black hole into which all charges were dumped, while the paper on goodwill, due in the autumn, may cause ructions by making it harder to avoid charges against profits. ASB rulemakers deduced that companies would seek relief in droves by switching from acquisition to merger accounting, so they needed to close that option.

Things have not quite worked out as planned. Instead of banning merger accounting altogether, as in Australia, FRED6 goes for a majority compromise under which the option of putting two balance sheets together would still be available — avoiding valuation and goodwill minefields — but under severely restricted circumstances. Indeed, the tests look so tight that even genuine mergers such as Reed/Elsevier might not automatically pass.

Judging from the ASB's earnest request for comments on the alternative of banning the merger option altogether, David Tweedie, the ASB's chairman, was probably in the minority camp. A smooth passage from draft to standard cannot therefore be taken for granted.

Countryside

COUNTRYSIDE Properties says it will use its rights issue to buy more land before recovery in the housing market starts pushing prices up. This sounds reasonable, but management would not do shareholders a disservice if it used some money to reduce debts.

Net debt has risen from £70 million to £83 million since the year-end, while shareholders' funds remain at £60 million. Even if Countryside used the entire £16.8 million it wants to raise to reduce debt, gearing would still exceed 100 per cent. Paying yesterday's bills is a poor pitch to tap the equity market, but can make sense in such extreme circumstances.

The interim figures, which have sent analysts scurrying to upgrade full-year forecasts by over £1 million to £7 million, suggest Countryside knows how to run its business. But the real issues facing shareholders considering the rights offer are how strong recovery in the sector will be and what level of gearing they will accept.

The Speyhawk saga may have put some investors off the sector, but it probably represents the low point of the cycle, and a similar fate is unlikely to face Countryside. Gearing above 100 per cent looks too high but the company is used to this level of debt. Shareholders should take the plunge.

Gilt-edged

THE latest debt auction has proved more successful, but again at a price — a real yield of 6 per cent if the government's inflation plans stick. Pushing down the coupon can soften the immediate effect on public spending. There are, however, limits and offers of shorter or index-linked stocks will surely play a greater role in future.

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Parting shots

FOUR past and present Treasury ministers shared a CBI platform yesterday, including one whose future is, at best, cloudy. Norman Lamont was careful not to stray from his prepared text on the role of private investment in the public sector, leaving the topic of political hinterlands to Francis Maude, who spoke of all Treasury ministers eventually being "privatised", as he was with the loss of his seat at the last general election. Facing a battery of television cameras, Lamont's clear discomfort was hardly eased by the presence of a man tipped to take his job — John MacGregor, the transport secretary, who earned his spurs at the Treasury. Howard Davies, CBI director-general and a former Treasury official, could not resist a crack. As all eyes followed the Chancellor out of the hall, Davies said he had reorganised, but not "reshuffled" his speech in light of the Chancellor's comments. Stephen Dorrell, the present junior Treasury minister, was left to take the heat. Or, as Maude, now head of privatisation at Morgan Stanley, put it: "Norman Lamont is unable to stay with us."

McRonalds row

RONALD Goldspink, a retired lorry driver from Hull, seems an unlikely threat to the McDonald's burger empire. But the 62-year-old, who runs a cafe on the Seathorne Holiday Village caravan site at Withernsea, on the East Yorkshire coast, called "McRonalds", has been threatened with legal action by McDonald's. In a battle reminiscent of the legal row a year ago between Harrods and a Leeds market stallholder who named his outfit "Arrods", Goldspink, whose nickname is McRonald, is refusing to back down. "It's ridiculous for McDonald's to regard me as competition," he says. "All I'm trying to do is earn a crust and I'm not going to change the name of the place or close it down just because they threaten me." McDonald's is undeterred: "We've spent many years establishing McDonald's as a trademark with consistently hygienic and safe restaurants and we can't have anyone springing up and trying to rip off our name."

Perpetual winner

FEW fund managers manage to double their profits in perpetuity without keeping a tight rein on costs. But even Martin Arbib, the canny supremo of Perpetual Unit Trust, was surprised to read on a Topic screen yesterday that his company had committed "a further £4" to new office premises in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. "I'm tight on prices, but not even I am mean enough to get it down to just £4," Arbib joked after demanding that the Topic service insert the missing "million". But Arbib does not have everything running on Perpetual: he is aiming for a place in the Guinness Book of World Records as owner of the world's richest horse. Snurge, named after Arbib's schoolboy nickname and the winner of the 1990 St Leger race, has won £1.15 million so far. "We're only £50,000 short of the £1.2 million record," boasts Arbib, who has commissioned a lifesize bronze sculpture of the horse by Philip Blacker, the ex-jockey known for his likenesses of Red Rum and Desert Orchid. Snurge runs again on June 20 at the Gran Premio de Milano, but his bronze likeness will not be unveiled until August 1, at Whatcombe. The sculpture will go on permanent display at Arbib's home in Wiltshire.



Gizza break

BZW has emerged as the undisputed "mastermind" of the City, after winning a ten-round quiz, claimed to be fiendishly difficult, sponsored by Bacup, the cancer charity. Geoffrey Guinness, a member of BZW's central risk division, emerged as the star of the team, earning himself the nickname "Gizza". BZW beat its nearest rival, P&D Asset Management, by 13 points, winning the final with a score of 95 out of 110.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bureaucratic prying into the nuts and crisps of business

From Mr Alister Percy

Sir, I am led to believe that the government is embarking on a policy of reducing "red tape" with the small businesses particularly in mind.

I received yesterday, from the local valuation office, a new form (magenta — is this a move in the right direction?) with all the warnings of "false statements resulting in prosecution" etc. It also insists that it be returned WITHIN 21 DAYS.

On examining this new arrival, it would appear that the Inland Revenue needs extra information in order to simplify the art of valuing Licensed Properties. On the face of it there would appear nothing wrong with this until it becomes evident that we are moving backwards into the realms of the ridiculous. Not only am I asked to break down sales for the last three years in a form that cannot be done without advance warning but I am asked to give details which can have no or little relevance on the value of my hotel; if anything it is a considerable intrusion into the business.

Our accounts are produced by a professional firm of accountants and these are submitted annually; our turnover is, therefore, no secret to the Inland Revenue. Why ever should we be asked to waste time in filling in more questionnaires that seek to discover how many crisps and nuts we sold three years ago. Can any of your readers better this gem of bureaucracy prying into their affairs?

Another U-turn please.

Yours faithfully,
ALISTER PERCY,
Hooke Hall,
High Street,
Uckfield, East Sussex.

Stable families crucial for strong economy

From Mr George G. Brown

Sir, I am a family lawyer and not an economist, but I notice that in the interesting series in "Economic View", there is little or no mention of the influence of family life on the economy.

It was said by George Gilder: "The family which is tied together with love is the source of all productivity and growth."

In *The Family*, an unpublished report to the President of the United States in 1986, it was said: "The freedom to make our own lives — the essence of democratic capitalism — can flourish only when the family is strong. Strong families make economic progress possible by passing on the values central to a free economy ... families save, and even more importantly they teach children the values upon which savings are built — delaying gratification now for some future goal."

While our divorce rate continues at about 40 per cent and our illegitimacy rate at around 30 per cent, it will be difficult to achieve a high level of personal savings and investment; I believe that is an important contributory cause of our weak economy.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE G. BROWN,
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High Yield	1179.0	1216.0†	+2.00	4.38
-do- Acc	1391.0	1435.0	+2.00	4.38
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	187.70	199.80	-0.60	1.65
Capital	522.60	557.70†	-0.70	2.39
Eurotrack 100	126.40	134.50	-0.30	1.54
Euro Gth	78.56	83.63	-0.02	1.35
Far East Growth	92.04	98.22	+1.46	0.15
Global Bond	23.16	24.40	-0.04	6.13
Hong Kong	83.30	88.90	-0.31	0.77
Income	490.90	523.80†	+0.30	3.98
Intl Growth	73.44	78.37	+0.31	0.99
Japan Growth	274.80	293.20	+6.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.12	37.48	+0.62	...
Japan Index	79.35	84.68	+1.71	0.23
Nth American	421.80	449.80	-3.10	0.96
S pore Mly Gth	53.35	56.93†	+0.22	...
The Footsie Fd	106.70	112.60	+0.10	2.73
Tiger Index	137.40	146.60	+0.10	0.68
Trade Index	104.90	111.90	+0.10	2.56
UK Index	122.40	130.60	+0.10	2.98
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	81.71	87.37	+0.17	1.00
European P folio	70.95	75.47	-0.19	1.38
Japanese P folio	66.23	70.57	+1.26	...
Pacific P folio	100.05	107.59	+0.22	1.11
Cazenove P folio	70.54	75.43	+0.16	3.00
UK Income Gth	62.31	66.80	+0.18	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.38	50.04	-0.15	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	...	9.49
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	585.59	585.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.74	64.99	...	2.32
Beckman Intl	78.41	82.81†	-0.01	3.20
Friars Hse Inc	175.93	189.17	...	6.16
Friars Hse Cap	243.75	262.10	...	2.78
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	35.92	38.21	+0.58	1.80
-do- Acc	40.48	43.06	+0.66	1.80
UK General	67.48	71.79	+0.11	2.45
-do- Acc	80.92	86.06	+0.13	2.45
Wwide Bd	61.96	65.80	-0.06	6.13
-do- Acc	79.62	84.56	-0.08	6.13
Wwide Sp Sits	56.56	60.49	+0.29	0.14
-do- Acc	58.92	63.02	+0.30	0.14
Quilter	120.46	128.15†	+0.94	2.44
-do- Acc	133.78	142.32	+1.05	2.44
Quilter Income	93.20	99.15†	+0.05	3.50
-do- Acc	114.87	122.20	+0.06	3.50
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.08	92.08†	+0.01	5.30
-do- Acc	92.08	92.08†	+0.01	5.30
Fin Property	...	...	...	...
Fixed Conv	39.50	42.02†	-0.06	7.20
-do- Acc	104.71	111.39	-0.17	7.20
Equity Inc	143.99	153.18	+0.22	2.85
-do- Acc	462.32	491.72	+0.69	2.85
High Yield	116.29	123.71	+0.13	4.70
-do- Acc	439.16	467.19	+0.49	4.70
Preference	47.30	50.32†	+0.64	7.28
-do- Acc	242.70	258.19	+3.32	7.28
PPT Europe	146.08	155.40†	+0.11	0.97
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.20	50.21†	-0.01	7.81
PPT Global Bnd	81.77	86.79†	-0.07	5.62
PPT Gold Com	58.49	62.22†	+1.00	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.14	59.72†	-0.16	0.47
PPT Far East Gth	105.89	112.65†	+0.74	0.20
PPT Managed	60.82	64.70	+0.18	3.37
-do- Acc	74.35	79.10	+0.22	3.37
PPT Japan	119.27	126.88†	+1.91	...
PPT N Amer	144.84	154.09†	-0.64	0.07
PPT UK Gth	115.57	122.95	+0.21	1.91
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	81.80	87.02	+0.15	0.91
Japanese Acc	63.46	67.51	+1.49	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.20	133.20	-0.20	2.52
-do- Acc	146.20	155.50	-0.20	2.52
UK Growth Acc	204.80	217.90†	-0.10	2.22
UK High Inc	129.90	138.20†	-0.10	6.87
-do- Acc	157.30	167.30†	...	6.87
N America Acc	109.80	116.80	-0.20	0.33
European Acc	151.20	160.80	+0.70	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.94	63.57	+0.02	8.89
-do- Acc	96.73	102.60	...	8.89
Intl Sp Sits Acc	47.71	50.76	+0.44	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.56	75.06†	+0.13	1.48
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	108.70	115.40	-0.10	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	196.40	207.60†	+1.40	1.20
Eurofund	36.73	38.90	-0.02	1.08
Mngd Exempt	163.50	170.50	-0.80	3.08
Growth Inc	211.40	224.60	+0.20	3.78
High Dist	139.30	148.00†	+0.20	5.24
International	314.70	334.40	+0.40	0.97
Intl Income	79.46	84.43†	-0.33	3.08
Pacific	57.82	61.43	-0.08	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	73.13	77.70	+1.24	...
Tokyo	206.20	219.10	+3.70	...
Japan Exempt	118.80	122.10	+6.40	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	564.00	579.50	-7.60	0.099

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	119.30	126.60	...	1.11
Australia	6.893	7.326	+0.043	1.07
Equity	183.30	196.90	+0.20	3.56
Euro Spec Sits	138.00	146.10†	-0.60	0.57
Financial	39.33	41.79	+0.11	2.88
Global Opps Inc	88.00	93.50	+0.27	2.15
-do- Acc	91.22	96.92	+0.27	2.15
Gold Gen Inc	49.42	52.51†	+0.47	0.83
-do- Acc	94.85	100.80†	+0.90	0.83
Income	120.60	128.40	-0.10	3.82
Japan General	159.50	169.50	+2.30	...
Preference	21.63	22.98†	-0.01	7.92
UK Capital	102.30	108.70	+0.10	3.09
Worldwide Cap	195.20	207.40	+0.40	3.08
World Income	82.83	88.01	+0.41	3.46
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance	172.50	183.90	...	1.09
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.78	108.72	+0.19	3.23
High Income	118.17	124.39†	+0.27	4.82
Tst of Inv Tsts	143.61	151.17	+0.41	2.08
Special Sits	84.22	88.65	+0.25	2.65
North American	102.72	108.13	-0.14	0.85
Far Eastern	244.12	256.97	+0.83	1.42
Intl Growth	94.04	98.99	+0.03	1.37
European	62.36	65.64	-0.26	2.21
Smaller Cos	69.71	73.38	+0.16	2.10
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	215.50	229.20†	...	3.66
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	115.90	123.30	+0.10	...
High Income	24.84	26.14†	+0.03	5.79
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.81	95.02	+0.40	0.87
Far Eastern	137.40	147.00	+1.00	...
Oseas Income	88.04	94.08	-0.80	2.48
UK Growth	93.38	99.87	+0.81	0.96
UK Income	98.46	105.30†	+0.30	3.48
US Smaller Cos	236.60	253.10	-1.00	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	415.90	444.70	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	424.90	454.30	-1.90	...
Capital	287.20	305.40	+0.30	1.91
-do- Acc	399.90	425.30	+0.40	1.91
Contl Smllr Cos	47.67	51.28	+0.09	0.69
-do- Acc	49.32	53.06	+0.10	0.69
Convertible	114.70	122.00	+0.10	5.91
-do- Acc	212.40	225.90	+0.10	5.91
European	94.12	100.60†	+0.30	1.02
-do- Acc	97.90	104.60†	+0.30	1.02
Extra Income	280.30	308.70	+0.30	4.02
-do- Acc	406.30	432.40	+0.60	4.02
Financial	101.60	109.10†	+0.10	0.66
-do- Acc	106.30	114.20†	+0.10	0.66
Health Fund Inc	113.30	121.00	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	113.30	121.00	-0.20	...
Income Tst	174.70	185.80†	...	2.92
-do- Acc	247.30	263.20†	-0.10	2.92
Intl Growth	309.90	330.90	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	344.10	367.50	-0.70	...
Japan Gen	181.10	193.70	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	182.90	195.60	+2.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.48	94.18†	+0.09	0.94
-do- Acc	94.06	99.00†	+0.09	0.94
Monthly Income	149.10	158.60	+0.30	3.98
Recovery	292.30	312.70	+0.30	0.63
-do- Acc	342.60	366.30	+0.40	0.63
Gilt Gth Tst	59.91	61.78†	+0.06	6.99
-do- Acc	77.41	79.83†	+0.08	6.99
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	341.67	363.48†	+0.68	2.91
-do- Acc	698.38	742.96†	+1.39	2.91
Euro Gth Dist	104.00	110.64	+0.22	1.05
-do- Acc	107.11	113.95	+0.23	1.05
Fixed Int Dist	128.70	136.13	+0.02	6.52
-do- Acc	216.21	228.70	+0.05	6.52
Intl Gth Dist	76.37	81.25	+0.39	0.80
-do- Acc	79.01	84.05	+0.41	0.80
Nth Amer Dist	163.85	173.57	+0.37	0.87
-do- Acc	177.69	188.23	+0.40	0.87
Pac Basin Dist	248.08	263.92	+1.87	0.11
-do- Acc	252.00	268.09	+1.90	0.11
Stewardship Dist	298.24	317.28†	+0.52	1.75
-do- Acc	355.59	378.29†	+0.62	1.75
Stwd Inc Dist	62.99	67.01†	+0.16	3.34
-do- Acc	77.76	82.72†	+0.19	3.34
N Am Stwd Dist	94.60	100.64	-0.79	...
-do- Acc	100.06	106.45	-0.84	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.10	149.90	+0.20	...
European	401.20	425.90	+0.60	1.00
Far East General	226.20	241.40	+1.50	0.30
Germany	94.20	99.82	+0.59	0.45
Global Assets In	67.06	71.61†	+0.10	2.25
Global Assets Ac	70.91	75.72	+0.11	2.21
Income Inc	119.80	128.20	+0.10	6.86
International	265.50	284.00	+1.60	0.98
Intl Income	77.34	82.35	-0.21	4.84
Japan General	368.50	392.00	+3.30	...
Smllr Cos Dir	46.33	49.56	-0.09	6.13
UK Capital Inc	164.70	176.20	+3.30	3.79
-do- Acc	281.80	301.40	+5.60	3.72
Uk Spec Sits	74.72	79.92	+0.55	1.59
US General	112.50	119.80†	-0.60	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	115.90	124.00	+1.10	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.60	46.63	+0.04	1.44
Cash Trust*	128.70	128.70	+0.01	4.76
Pracs Inv Inc	101.24	109.30	-0.07	4.00
-do- Acc	218.41	234.22	-0.13	4.00
UK Smaller Cos	102.74	110.18	-0.09	1.03
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.45	27.22†	+0.03	7.97
High Inc	31.09	33.29†	+0.03	5.05
UK Equity Inc	125.99	134.75	+0.44	3.96
Global Bond	28.91	29.96	-0.06	4.81
International Funds				
Gold Intl	87.10	93.41	-0.69	0.90
Frontier Markets	40.41	43.36†	-0.09	0.42
Global Inc Gth	116.52	124.29†	-0.36	2.21
UK Intl	111.49	119.24	+0.13	0.40
Overseas Funds				
American	125.97	134.46	-0.79	0.49
European	79.50	84.31	+0.04	0.63
Euro Sel Opps	92.83	99.03	-0.27	0.84
American Emerg	78.60	84.29	-0.34	...
Hong Kong	116.62	125.06	-0.48	1.84
Japan	229.40	241.56	+3.20	...
Pacific Growth	155.63	166.50	-0.23	0.39

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 8526				
Intl Growth	124.14	132.77	...	0.37
American Gth	119.16	127.44	...	...
European Gth	64.85	69.36	...	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	78.09	83.47	...	...
Pacific Inc	142.00	151.87	...	2.85
Pacific Strategy	122.32	130.83	...	0.28
UK Prog Inc	71.77	75.65	...	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.35	49.88†	...	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.21	47.28	...	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.10	131.10†	...	5.30
Gilt Fixed	117.80	124.90	-0.10	6.26
Growth Equity	278.40	297.40†	+1.00	2.23
Gomfund	415.30	443.60	+1.00	2.27
Income Trust	108.40	115.80	+0.40	3.67
International	154.70	165.20	+0.80	0.78
Japan Trust	125.80	134.50	+2.60	...
Nth American	245.30	262.00†	-0.10	0.50
Pacific	369.30	394.50†	...	...
European	335.90	358.80	+0.70	0.75
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh, EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.69	36.78	+0.10	1.68
-do- Acc	36.32	38.50	+0.10	1.68
Intl Adv Inc	29.14	30.89	+0.10	4.14
-do- Acc	30.29	32.11	-0.10	4.14
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	75.23	80.59	-0.15	0.96
Equity Income	109.50	116.50†	+0.10	3.54
European	129.70	137.30	+0.60	1.15
Intl Situation	74.49	79.24	+0.08	...
Japanese	148.40	157.50	+2.80	...
North American	96.11	102.00†	-0.50	...
Scandinavian	113.50	119.90	-0.30	...
Smaller Cos	30.00	31.91	-0.05	2.01
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.31	93.33†	-0.36	...
Asian Enterprise	128.55	138.79	+1.21	0.88
Australian	136.55	145.96	+2.39	1.04
European	361.38	382.77†	+1.80	1.00
European Inc	68.58	72.54	+0.05	3.18
Euro Sml Co	119.72	127.75	+0.08	0.48
Extra Income	256.79	273.37	+0.31	4.75
Family of Funds	69.48	74.18	+0.21	1.26
Fixed Interest	54.94	58.75	+0.05	8.00
Global Resour	103.14	110.71	+0.69	0.66
High Inc	283.08	302.55†	+0.44	4.22
Income Gth	230.12	245.07†	+0.07	3.66
-do- Acc	594.74	633.39†	+0.19	3.66
International	225.73	240.21	-0.35	0.83
Japan Spe Sit	242.12	257.64	+5.02	...
Japan	208.16	221.25	+4.01	...
N Amer	217.63	231.29	-0.57	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	188.92	203.84	+2.66	0.39
Pref Gilt	45.45	49.08†	+0.14	8.56
Smaller Cos Div	163.63	178.34†	+0.24	4.07
Special Sits	258.85	276.96	+1.52	1.67
-do- Acc	398.85	426.76	+2.34	1.67
Best of British	34.60	38.50†	+0.12	2.36
Spirit of the East	60.58	64.75	+0.32	0.30
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.77	91.73	+0.91	2.36
Capital	153.40	164.00	+1.70	1.99
Dollar	299.70	320.50	-1.30	0.09
European	191.70	205.00	+0.80	0.66
Far East	237.30	253.50	+1.70	0.42
Financial	678.40	725.50†	+0.10	2.47
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.43	26.42	+0.02	7.99
Higher Yield	98.18	105.00	+0.20	4.70
Income	131.10	140.20	...	3.72
Intl	209.60	224.10	-2.70	0.28
Japan Tech	72.34	77.36	+0.49	...
Nat Resources	59.06	63.16	+0.74	0.65
Security	289.70	309.80†	+1.20	2.08
Smaller Cos	112.80	119.80†	+2.50	1.37
Special Sits	134.30	143.60	+0.20	1.79
US Smaller Cos	65.15	69.67	-0.18	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	244.60	257.50	+0.50	1.39
Capital Gwth	98.83	104.00	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	24.61	26.99	+0.16	1.54
Special Features	26.85	28.52	+0.05	1.64
-do- Acc	31.70	33.68	+0.07	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.93	55.55†	+0.13	1.93
Assets Earnings	69.48	73.82	+0.11	1.92
do Acc	81.65	86.75	+0.13	1.92
Managed Invest	86.12	92.00	+0.20	1.20
Expert Children	73.74	78.64†	+0.22	1.85
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.58	50.58	...	4.46
Extra Inc	77.95	83.43	+0.09	4.47
Gilt	27.38	29.05	+0.07	6.79
Income Gth	37.86	40.48†	+0.06	3.48
MIMster	74.68	76.33†	+0.14	8.04
Preference	17.43	19.10†	-0.02	6.27
UK Income	300.50	321.20	+0.40	2.99
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.55	59.02	-0.01	1.28
Property Shares	63.54	67.51	-0.05	1.75
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	140.70	147.90†	-0.20	3.78
European Acc	106.80	113.20	-0.20	1.85
European Dist	101.70	107.80	-0.20	1.85
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.65	50.69	-0.25	0.92
European Perf	106.40	113.00	+0.20	1.07
-do- Acc	108.40	115.10	+0.20	1.07
Euro Small Cos	20.82	22.15	+0.04	0.75
French Growth	63.84	68.01	+0.12	0.54
-do- Acc	68.20	72.66	+0.13	0.54
Hong K/China	71.90	77.20	-0.08	1.61
Intl Growth	50.48	53.63	+0.10	0.65
-do- Acc	50.48	53.63	+0.10	0.65
Japan Perf	35.45	37.66	+0.45	...
Accum Units	35.45	37.66	+0.45	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.25	39.59	+0.42	...
Singapore Asean	79.44	86.06	+0.66	0.28
-do- Acc	79.93	86.60	+0.67	0.28
South East Asia	232.00	250.30	+0.70	0.85
US Smllr Cos	101.50	107.80	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	102.60	109.00	-0.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.65	88.01	-0.18	2.21
Intl Bond	55.89	56.65	-0.07	6.42
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.40	69.74†	+0.01	5.13
Extra Income	51.64	54.94	+0.04	6.66
Gilt Yield	117.50	124.00	+0.30	7.43
Global Income	193.10	205.40†	-2.17	4.26
High Yield	131.20	139.60†	+1.30	5.92

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smllr Cos Div	47.57	50.61†	+0.06	4.15
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.17	93.80	-0.04	...
North American	73.19	77.86	-0.37	0.41
European	126.90	135.00	-0.20	0.87
Euro Special	76.39	81.37	+0.23	0.95
General	257.30	273.70	-0.20	3.26
Japan	433.50	461.20†	+7.10	...
Japanese Special	244.80	260.40	+5.90	...
Master Acc	212.00	225.50	...	1.37
Pacific	265.60	282.60	+1.10	0.57
Smaller Cos	97.90	104.10	-2.78	2.02
UK Equity Gth	34.40	36.60	-0.02	1.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 115 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 556 5151				
European	71.29	75.84	+0.25	0.92
Extra Income	23.49	24.99	+0.05	3.22
Far East	27.50	29.26	+0.36	0.91
Income Gwth	71.24	75.79	+0.15	2.89
Intl Growth	50.96	54.21	+0.20	0.71
Japan	65.30	69.47	+1.12	...
Maximum Dist*	99.71	101.70†	...	6.86
N Amer Equity	37.53	39.93†	-0.06	0.27
UK Equity	84.74	90.15†	+0.17	3.06
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.44	55.79	-0.12	4.48
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	416.70	443.30	+0.60	2.92
Equity Acc	791.10	841.60	-1.30	2.92
Equity Income	90.08	95.83	...	5.15
European	92.39	98.29	-0.10	1.24
Far Eastern	185.40	197.20	-2.30	0.29
Fixed InterestK	51.18	54.45	-0.08	6.41
Gilt	88.90	94.27†	+0.09	6.52
Global Growth	65.12	69.28†	+0.13	0.75
Intl Bond	54.61	58.10	-0.07	4.89
Japanese	71.59	76.16	+1.37	...
Overseas Equity	93.99	99.99	+0.11	0.79
Pacific Gth	86.43	91.95	-0.12	1.22
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	305.70	325.30†	+0.70	2.97
-do- Acc	671.60	714.60	+1.60	2.97
Conti Euro Gth	48.98	51.56	+0.18	1.51
-do- Acc	51.80	54.53	+0.19	1.51
Extra Inc	230.50	245.30	+0.60	3.72
-do- Acc	569.70	606.10	+1.30	3.72
German Gth	96.88	102.00	+0.10	0.27
-do- Acc	101.60	107.00	+0.10	0.27
Growth Port	493.40	514.30	+0.90	1.18
-do- Acc	483.40	514.30	+0.90	1.18
Income	433.60	461.30†	+1.10	3.69
-do- Acc	1113.0	1185.0	+3.00	3.69
Income Port	480.60	511.30†	+0.50	4.18
-do- Acc	485.20	516.20	+0.40	4.18
Japan Growth	98.40	104.70	+1.70	0.01
-do- Acc	98.75	105.10	+1.80	0.01
Master Trust	51.12	54.39	+0.08	1.58
-do- Acc	55.61	59.16	+0.09	1.58
N American Gen	178.70	190.20	+0.80	0.01
-do- Acc	206.50	219.70	+0.90	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.50	146.30	+3.00	0.01
-do- Acc	140.30	149.30	+3.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	199.60	212.40	-0.70	0.55
-do- Acc	210.90	224.40	-0.90	0.55
Small Cos Rec	301.80	317.70†	+0.80	2.19
-do- Acc	393.00	413.70	+1.00	2.19
UK Growth	77.81	82.78	+1.52	2.23
-do- Acc	90.73	96.53	+1.78	2.23
Worldwide Gth	271.80	289.20	+0.60	0.17
-do- Acc	400.90	426.10	+0.90	0.17
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	75.35	80.85†	+0.13	2.90
Income	59.42	63.76	+0.02	5.40
International	56.40	60.51	+0.22	0.80
American	58.11	62.35	-0.14	0.30
Japan	55.08	59.10	+0.87	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	55.00	59.01†	+0.10	1.90
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	377.30	398.30	-1.50	0.86
-do- Acc	463.50	491.30	-1.80	0.86
American Rec	400.90	424.00†	+2.90	0.20
-do- Acc	459.30	485.80	+3.30	0.20
Am Sm Co Acc	115.00	121.70	-0.40	...
Australia Acc	153.90	162.70	+2.20	1.19
Capital	648.40	685.70	+0.90	2.57
-do- Acc	715.40	756.60	+1.00	2.57
Commodity Acc	421.00	445.10	+1.20	0.77
Compnd Gth	799.50	845.30	+2.20	2.97
Dividend	34.30	36.30†	...	4.25
-do- Acc	135.90	144.00	...	4.25
Equity Inc	295.20	312.20	+1.00	4.84
European Div	58.40	61.80	+0.30	4.33
-do- Acc	66.00	69.90	+0.40	4.33
European Gen	372.60	394.00	+1.30	1.54
-do- Acc	466.40	492.20	+1.60	1.54
Extra Yield	370.60	391.90	-0.20	4.35
-do- Acc	1083.6	1146.0	-0.50	4.35
Far Eastern	299.80	317.00	+1.30	0.63
-do- Acc	394.40	417.00	-1.90	0.63
Fund of Inv	487.70	515.70†	+1.10	2.26
-do- Acc	889.50	940.70	+2.00	2.26
General	52.60	55.60	+0.10	3.64
-do- Acc	138.50	146.60	+0.30	3.64
Gilt Fxd Int	60.30	60.30†	...	7.86
do Acc	151.60	151.70	...	7.86
Gold	56.50	59.70	+0.20	0.80
-do- Acc	66.10	69.80	+0.20	0.80
High Inc	24.70	26.10	...	4.58
-do- Acc	91.40	96.80	-0.10	4.58
Intl Growth	67.40	71.30	-0.10	0.90
-do- Acc	116.10	122.90	-0.20	0.90
Intl Inc	92.20	97.50†	+0.30	4.48
Japan Gen Acc	50.90	53.80	+0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	151.40	160.00	+2.30	...
Midland	54.20	57.30†	+0.60	3.30
-do- Acc	173.50	183.40	+1.90	3.30
Recovery	36.00	38.10	+0.10	2.73
-do- Acc	56.60	59.90	+0.10	2.73
Second Gen	60.70	64.20	+0.10	3.51
-do- Acc	148.30	157.10	+0.30	3.51
Smaller Cos	59.10	62.50	+0.20	3.16
-do- Acc	112.00	118.50	+0.40	3.16
Trustee	38.20	40.40†	...	3.87
Charibond 3	$108.69	... ‡	+0.10	9.90
Charifund 2	618.60	624.80†	+0.30	5.24
Pension ex 1	823.00	843.60†	+1.90	4.32
NAACIF Inc 3	344.66	... ‡	+0.20	7.98
-do- Acc 3	$1081.6	... ‡	+4.50	7.98
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	134.00	143.30	+0.14	2.03
-do- Acc	148.80	159.20	+0.14	2.03
UK Income	112.20	120.00	+0.08	2.65
-do- Acc	125.10	133.80	+0.08	2.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	78.88	84.36	+0.20	0.81
Far East (Pacific)	138.20	146.70	+0.50	0.63
Income Growth	70.58	74.92†	+0.10	3.11
European	65.13	69.14	+0.38	1.31
Nth American	55.40	58.81	+0.08	1.03
UK Growth	73.24	77.74	-0.14	1.66
Intl Growth	92.22	98.97†	+0.47	0.46
Charities	105.60	112.00†	+0.10	3.80

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Intl Income	66.85	70.96	+0.10	4.25
Japan	54.11	57.44	+0.81	0.07
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	183.00	194.00	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	195.60	207.30	-0.10	...
Cash	100.50	100.50	...	5.62
-do- Acc	129.30	129.30	...	5.62
European Gth	186.90	198.10	+0.90	0.80
-do- Acc	200.10	212.10	+0.90	0.80
General	449.30	479.30	+0.40	2.52
-do- Acc	854.70	911.70	+1.00	2.52
Global Dist	128.20	134.80	-0.10	5.42
-do- Acc	143.50	150.70	-0.20	5.42
Income	132.70	141.60†	+0.20	4.81
-do- Acc	195.70	208.80†	+0.20	4.81
International	376.30	400.80	+1.50	0.70
-do- Acc	499.10	531.70	+2.10	0.70
Japan	187.40	198.80	+5.50	...
-do- Acc	193.30	204.10	+5.70	...
New Europe	134.70	143.70	+0.30	1.81
-do- Acc	136.90	146.10	+0.40	1.81
Recovery	287.10	306.30†	+0.50	2.93
-do- Acc	303.10	307.40†	+0.70	2.93
European Inc	71.83	76.30	-0.28	3.19
-do- Acc	91.12	96.79	-0.36	3.19
Brit Blue Chip	70.02	74.64	+0.11	3.38
-do- Acc	82.59	88.04	+0.14	3.38
Portfolio	71.95	76.50	+0.05	2.96
-do- Acc	81.81	86.99	+0.07	2.96
Gold General	131.10	141.00	+0.90	0.66
-do- Acc	132.80	142.90	+0.90	0.66
Pacific	91.60	97.71	+0.03	0.86
-do- Acc	96.75	103.20	...	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	51.79	55.25	+0.09	1.97
-do- Acc	57.80	61.66	+0.09	1.97
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.13	60.03	+0.09	3.02
-do- Acc	57.00	60.96	+0.10	3.02
British Dist	75.22	80.45	+0.17	2.04
-do- Acc	85.15	91.07	-0.20	2.04
European Gth	162.00	173.00†	+0.20	0.32
-do- Acc	203.60	217.40	+0.30	0.32
Extra High Inc	67.83	72.55	+0.11	6.26
-do- Acc	119.30	127.60	+0.20	6.26
FT-SE 100 Index	47.62	50.93	+0.14	2.65
-do- Acc	47.62	50.93	+0.14	2.65
Gilt Fixed Int	55.56	57.84	+0.07	6.82
-do- Acc	146.20	152.20	-0.20	6.82
High Yield	212.10	226.80†	+0.50	4.65
-do- Acc	497.90	532.50	+1.30	4.65
Income	272.90	291.90	+0.40	3.50
-do- Acc	567.40	606.80	+0.90	3.50
Japan Gth	344.70	368.70	+8.00	...
-do- Acc	363.80	389.10	+8.40	...
Mandarin Acc	97.02	103.80	...	1.17
North American	159.00	170.10†	-1.10	0.53
-do- Acc	200.50	214.40	-1.50	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	257.70	274.60	-0.60	...
Deposit Inc	100.08	100.08†	+0.01	5.42
Deposit Acc	122.39	122.39†	+0.01	5.42
Euro Gth Acc	268.20	286.60	+0.40	...
Europe	120.80	128.80	+0.40	...
Intl Gth	167.50	178.90†	+0.80	...
Japan Tracker	77.20	81.79†	+2.21	...
UK Equity Inc	144.10	155.30†	...	4.23
-do- Acc	176.70	190.40†	...	4.23
UK Ind Tracker	139.90	149.50	+0.40	3.22
US Eq Ind Trkr	185.60	196.80	-0.60	1.48
-do- Acc	196.40	208.20	-0.60	1.48
Asian Trader	159.40	172.90†	+0.40	0.45
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	160.20	164.00	-0.10	2.35
European	59.44	60.68	-0.45	1.27
Olympiad	53.22	54.62	+0.21	0.28
Global Bond	46.24	46.77†	-0.11	6.75
Smaller Cos	64.32	67.12†	+0.18	0.97
Equity Income	90.51	92.94	...	5.09
UK Growth	80.52	82.87†	+0.12	2.15
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.13	48.13	-0.06	1.02
Australian Acc	289.10	310.10	+2.30	...
Conscience	62.12	66.29	-1.11	1.07
-do- Acc	66.71	71.19	-1.18	1.07
European	160.50	171.20†	-0.30	1.13
-do- Acc	172.70	184.20	-0.20	1.13
Extra Income	70.82	75.58	+0.08	5.87
-do- Acc	107.50	114.70	+0.20	5.87
Far East Gth	164.30	175.60	+0.80	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.37	60.73	+0.16	6.39
Gold	46.14	49.61	+1.71	...
-do- Acc	49.69	53.42	+1.84	...
Income	51.09	54.49	+0.01	5.16
-do- Acc	153.20	163.40	+0.10	5.16
International	28.94	31.05	+0.06	1.06
-do- Acc	41.59	44.62	+0.10	1.06
Jap Sm Cos Acc	341.80	364.50	+6.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	181.80	194.90	+5.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.91	26.78	+0.02	2.05
Special Sits	31.54	33.91†	+0.05	1.83
-do- Acc	36.33	39.06	+0.08	1.83
Tokyo	85.78	91.49	+1.77	...
-do- Acc	86.64	92.41	+1.78	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.44	70.69	+0.15	2.81
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.28	77.55	+0.04	7.17
N&P Higher Inc	192.50	204.80	+0.20	4.46
N&P UK Income	97.90	104.15†	+0.13	3.90
N&P Intl	...	90.29†	+0.21	1.80
N&P Smaller Cos	74.61	79.38	+0.09	1.54
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	158.95	169.10†	+0.19	2.33
Global	277.85	295.59†	+0.34	1.14
Growth	105.08	111.79†	+0.24	2.55
Income	195.02	207.47†	+0.22	4.40
Intl Bond	122.40	129.95†	-0.32	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6RR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	133.80	140.80†	+0.30	2.59
-do- Acc	237.10	249.60	+0.60	2.59
Income	213.10	226.60†	+0.20	3.64
Intl Equity	217.50	231.30	+1.40	0.90
-do- Acc	238.10	253.20	-1.90	0.90
Equity	212.80	226.30	+0.30	2.45
-do- Acc	431.30	458.80	+0.70	2.45
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.66	71.98	+0.17	1.95
UK Income	59.19	62.97	+0.06	3.16
UK Smllr Co Acc	72.01	76.60	+0.03	1.48
New Europe Acc	58.76	62.50	+0.04	1.52
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.31	97.66	-0.06	0.12
PSP Gth Inc	98.42	105.27	+0.27	1.21
Intl Gth	474.61	507.61	+2.60	0.74
Income	292.19	312.51†	-1.76	3.43
W wide Recov	299.77	320.61	+1.43	0.34
American Gth	198.52	212.33	+0.75	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	181.22	193.82	+0.26	0.10
Far East Gth	216.34	231.38	+1.61	0.09

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	108.98	116.56	-0.15	1.22
UK Growth	74.29	79.46	-0.08	3.00
High Income	81.27	86.93	+0.13	4.53
Japanese Gth	217.62	231.14	+2.90	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	180.30	180.10	+0.20	0.86
High Income	105.70	112.50†	+0.10	3.79
Conv Gilt	106.80	113.70†	...	6.32
Far East	301.30	320.50	+1.20	0.27
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.86	51.98	-0.25	0.21
Emerging Mkts	61.93	65.88	-0.38	0.99
General	46.46	49.43	+0.05	3.25
International	81.47	86.67†	-0.79	1.39
Gilt Units	24.91	25.68†	+0.02	7.50
Global PEP	34.27	36.46†	-0.07	2.13
Income Gth	63.44	67.49†	-0.01	4.85
European	41.14	43.77	-0.10	0.69
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.41	27.03	-0.01	5.78
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst **	30.72	32.85	+0.05	1.77
Pru Gth Hvn Inc	101.00	101.00†	+0.01	5.08
-do- Acc	105.11	105.11†	+0.01	5.08
Pru Equity	641.34	685.92†	+1.41	2.47
Pru Equity Inc	76.82	82.16†	+0.10	4.68
Pru European	165.90	177.43†	-0.20	1.46
Pru Global Gth	77.93	83.24	+0.17	1.54
Pru High Inc	84.19	90.04†	-0.13	5.21
Pru Intl	158.63	169.65	+0.36	1.00
Pru Intl Sm Co	67.71	72.41	-0.18	0.66
Pru Japanese	201.76	215.78†	+4.02	...
Pru Nth Amer	136.55	146.04	-0.60	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	75.56	80.81	-0.34	1.74
Pru Premr Inc	48.35	50.35†	+0.01	7.60
Pru Smllr Cos	81.07	86.70†	+0.02	1.99
Pru Spec Sits	96.35	103.04	+0.16	2.25
Pru UK Grwth	107.28	114.73†	+0.16	2.36
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.04	160.64†	+0.07	3.66
NC Japan	274.90	294.61	+6.81	...
NC Mai UK Cos	90.67	97.49	+0.28	2.54
NC America Inc	461.08	494.75	-1.98	0.77
-do- Acc	535.59	574.66	-2.30	0.77
NC Smlr UK Cos	259.96	283.39	+0.68	1.54
NC European	245.05	261.47	+1.07	1.43
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	69.43	73.86†	-0.29	3.82
Capital Units	141.60	150.60	-0.50	1.30
Commodity	107.60	114.40	+1.90	1.14
European Gth	147.70	157.10	+0.70	1.36
Financial Sec	165.80	176.30†	+0.20	1.91
High Return	210.60	224.00	-0.20	4.47
High Yield	201.20	214.00	-0.30	4.08
Income-Units	106.10	112.80	...	5.07
Investment	170.20	181.00†	+0.30	1.14
Japan Gth	155.50	165.40	+2.60	...
Japan Smaller	193.20	205.50†	+3.80	...
Masterfund	45.85	48.77	+0.19	1.31
Scotbits	243.10	258.60	+0.20	1.63
Scotshares	248.40	264.20†	+1.40	2.33
Scotyields	218.50	232.40	+0.30	3.98
Select Intl	126.50	134.50†	...	0.74
Smaller Cos	225.00	239.30	-0.10	4.02
Special Situation	108.50	115.40	-1.00	0.84
UK Equity	220.50	234.50	+0.20	2.71
US Growth	134.10	142.60	-0.30	0.40
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enc: 0800 526 535. Broker Enc: 0800 526 540				
American	229.58	244.88†	+0.12	0.50
-do- Acc	248.70	265.28	+0.13	0.50
Australian	125.91	134.30	+1.07	0.80
-do- Acc	148.02	157.88	+1.25	0.80
UK Enterprise	205.14	218.81	+0.65	2.41
-do- Acc	236.97	252.77	+0.75	2.41
European Gth	58.77	62.50	-0.03	1.41
-do- Acc	60.84	64.70	-0.03	1.41
Euro Smllr Cos	54.44	57.98	-0.01	0.39
-do- Acc	54.82	58.37	-0.01	0.39
Far Eastern Gth	71.10	75.84	+0.61	...
-do- Acc	72.25	77.07	+0.62	...
Fixed Interest	52.02	54.87	+0.11	6.82
-do- Acc	63.17	66.63	+0.13	6.82
Gilt Income	101.17	106.62	+0.34	7.53
-do- Acc	141.30	148.91	+0.47	7.53
Income	307.24	327.72	-1.14	4.02
-do- Acc	906.27	966.69	-3.36	4.02
Japan Enterprise	69.02	73.62†	+1.02	...
-do- Acc	69.02	73.62	+1.02	...
Japan Smllr Cos	476.64	508.41	+8.21	...
-do- Acc	477.59	509.42	+8.22	...
Pacific Gth	92.10	98.24	-0.19	0.20
-do- Acc	94.84	101.16	-0.19	0.20
Smaller Cos	189.07	201.67	+0.25	0.92
-do- Acc	216.68	231.13	+0.30	0.92
Tokyo	108.55	115.78	+1.84	...
-do- Acc	109.65	116.95	+1.86	...
UK Equity	204.31	217.93	+0.08	2.70
-do- Acc	378.36	403.59	+0.06	2.70
US Smllr Cos	129.29	137.90†	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	129.29	137.90	+0.20	...
World Fd	68.90	73.49	+0.12	1.60
-do- Acc	72.64	77.49	+0.13	1.60
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.81	48.79	+0.39	4.43
Equity Strategy	64.16	68.33	+0.27	1.13
European Opps	69.46	73.98	+0.63	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.97	101.53	-0.03	5.46
UK Smaller Cos	51.46	54.80	-0.07	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	338.40	361.70	+0.80	2.75
American	238.20	250.70	-0.70	0.94
Pacific	332.30	355.40	+3.40	0.62
European	434.60	464.80	+0.10	1.25
Worldwide	78.13	83.56	-0.08	1.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	296.30	315.30	+0.80	2.63
UK Sm Cos Eqty	206.10	219.30	+0.30	1.65
European	320.30	340.80†	+2.20	1.89
North American	243.20	258.80†	-0.20	0.51
Income Plus Inc	63.77	67.85	+0.21	2.67
UK Spec Sits	65.95	70.16	+0.16	2.44
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.97	26.73†	...	2.89
Intl Growth Acc	28.51	30.52†	...	1.19
Global Inc Acc	30.20	32.32	...	3.73
Market Ldrs Acc	25.40	27.19	...	3.05
SG TOUCHE REMNANT 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.53	85.05	-0.01	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.27	47.08†	-0.61	...
-do- Acc	46.88	49.84	-0.65	...
Far East Opps	32.39	34.65	+0.01	...
-do- Acc	33.28	35.81	+0.01	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	97.21	104.10	+0.20	2.03
Global Tech	119.10	128.90†	-0.80	...
Income Growth	101.10	108.70	+0.10	3.46
Income Monthly	56.39	60.31	-0.10	4.28
Japan Growth	82.49	87.71	+1.29	...
Overseas Gth	74.32	78.94†	+0.22	...
Smaller Cos	72.56	78.02†	+0.35	1.58
Special Opps	103.20	110.00	+0.30	3.09
Wld Spec Sits	47.30	50.91	+0.18	...
-do- Acc	47.41	51.02	+0.18	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	104.52	...	-0.14	...
Global Bond	104.86	...	+0.06	7.50
Japan Samurai	108.23	...	+1.48	...
UK Growth	95.52	...	-0.07	4.14
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.25	45.96	+0.20	1.71
Equity Gth Acc	58.27	61.92	-0.10	1.74
UK Eq General	40.99	43.56	-0.20	2.31
-do- Acc	54.30	57.59	+0.20	2.31
European Acc	40.07	42.58	+0.50	1.20
Far East Acc	54.94	58.38	...	0.14
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.63	31.34†	...	6.80
N American Acc	41.75	44.36	-0.10	0.79
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	271.70	294.80	+0.80	1.48
UK Eq High Inc	34.46	36.62†	...	3.94
-do- Acc	40.92	43.48	...	3.94
UK Lgr Cos Inc	282.30	306.40	-1.30	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	367.70	399.00	+1.80	3.85
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.64	N253.87	-0.05	1.20
US Eq	$2.114	$2.244	+0.06	0.80
Far East Eq	Y247.0	Y262.3	+3.50	...
Japan Eq	Y248.9	Y264.3	+3.70	...
FT Europe	109.50	116.20	+0.30	2.19
FT North Am	$1.727	$1.830	+0.042	1.09
FT Japan	Y253.4	Y269.2	+19.80	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.932	$2.052	-0.032	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	328.10	349.20	-2.00	0.32
British	915.70	968.80	-0.20	4.28
European	384.70	409.70	+1.10	1.44
Japan	146.80	156.00	+2.80	...
New Pacific	293.20	312.30	-1.80	1.28
Mngd Cash	95.90	95.90	...	5.05
Majority Stg	100.08	101.08	+0.01	4.80
Inv Tst	183.70	194.70	+0.50	1.84
Saints PPP	360.80	379.80	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	706.20	737.40	+1.10	2.95
N America Acc	111.70	119.50	-0.10	0.06
Far East Acc	123.10	131.70	+0.70	...
W wide Bond	59.13	62.77†	-0.13	5.48
European	81.05	86.68	+0.11	0.46
Equity Income	80.64	86.25	+0.04	3.88
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.41	35.74	-0.04	0.63
Managed Assets	116.33	124.42	+0.31	3.28
UK Income	35.96	38.46	+0.04	3.08
UK Growth	35.45	37.92	+0.05	2.34
Worldwide Gth	30.42	32.54†	+0.22	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	197.53	210.14	-1.77	0.14
-do- Acc	216.95	230.80	-1.95	0.14
British Gth	83.75	89.10	+0.15	1.87
-do- Acc	98.55	104.84	+0.18	1.87
European	93.72	99.70	-0.29	0.87
-do- Acc	98.85	105.16	-0.31	0.87
Extra Inc	182.56	194.21	...	3.87
-do- Acc	291.22	309.81	...	3.87
General Unit	259.51	276.07	+0.30	2.47
-do- Acc	512.07	544.75	+0.60	2.47
Income	311.61	331.50†	-3.66	3.59
-do- Acc	647.55	688.88†	+6.20	3.59
International	475.47	505.82†	+3.10	0.45
-do- Acc	622.40	662.13†	+4.06	0.45
Pacific	338.41	360.01	+3.55	...
-do- Acc	354.42	377.04	+3.72	...
Premier Income	49.79	51.86†	+0.02	6.20
-do- Acc	103.80	108.12†	+0.03	6.20
Nat Resources	122.85	130.69†	+4.52	0.22
-do- Acc	134.74	143.34†	+4.95	0.22
Selected Opps	94.89	100.95	+1.24	1.14
-do- Acc	118.86	126.45	+1.56	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	76.95	82.08	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	79.30	84.65	-0.36	...
Cash	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
European Opps	58.58	62.37	+0.12	0.47
-do- Acc	59.18	63.02	+0.13	0.47
Far East Opps	153.45	162.61	+0.88	...
-do- Acc	156.01	166.41	+0.91	...
Gold/Nat. Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	86.22	91.69†	+0.85	...
-do- Acc	86.22	91.69†	+0.85	...
Little Dragons	70.06	74.73†	+0.36	0.67
-do- Acc	72.12	76.92†	+0.36	0.67
Oriental Income	43.77	46.68	+0.29	3.41
-do- Acc	55.79	59.50	-0.36	3.41
Tiger	212.16	226.30†	+0.17	1.16
-do- Acc	222.89	237.74†	+0.18	1.16
UK Small Cos	72.64	77.68	-0.09	2.05
-do- Acc	84.75	90.64	-0.08	2.05
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD. 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.83	18.96	+0.26	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.11	33.09	-0.02	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.35	38.67	+0.79	...
Global Bond	$0.972	$1.012	+0.002	7.32
Penny Share	23.38	24.87	-0.03	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.73	52.73	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.38	66.03	+0.01	...
Gilt Income	51.47	53.56	-0.09	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.30	107.70	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.723	+0.000	...
Challenger	89.35	91.42	-0.26	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.51	70.75	+0.25	2.11

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	16,000	Carlton Cms	927	Land Secs	1,800	Scot Hydro	869
Abbey Natl	2,800	Coats Viyella	374	Legal & Gn	1,500	Scot & New	595
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Cm Union	1,600	Lloyds Bk	3,500	Scot Power	3,000
Anglian W	12,000	Courtaulds	4,700	MB Cardn	502	Sears	1,400
Argyll Gp	11,000	De La Rue	572	Marks Spr	5,700	Svrn Trent	2,300
Arjo Wiggn	701	Eng China	1,200	NFC	1,800	Shell Trans	2,200
AB Foods	72	Enterpr Oil	757	NatWst Bk	4,200	Siebe	1,500
BAA	852	Fisons	963	Nat Power	1,800	SmKl Bch	2,400
BAT Inds	39,000	Forte	597	Nth Wst W	4,600	Smith Nph	1,300
BOC	1,000	GRE	643	Nthrn Fds	1,300	Sthrn Elec	352
BP	8,100	GUS A	95	P & O	814	Std Chartd	662
BT	8,500	Gen Acc	1,400	Pearson	470	Sun Allnce	1,000
BTR	4,200	Gen Elec	2,300	PowerGen	637	TI Gp	804
Bk of Scot	1,500	Glaxo	5,000	Prudential	3,400	TSB	2,800
Barclays	5,600	Granada	2,500	RTZ	2,700	Tate & Lyle	733
Bass	3,300	Grand Met	5,200	Rank Org	1,500	Tesco	5,400
Blue Circle	2,800	Guinness	7,400	Reckitt Col	411	Thames W	2,500
Boots	2,900	HSBC	3,000	Redland	1,800	Thrn EMI	1,400
Bowater	1,900	Hanson	5,400	Reed Intl	1,200	Tomkins	2,400
Brit Airwys	3,800	ICI	1,900	Rentokil	574	Unilever	1,500
Brit Gas	5,200	Inchcape	2,600	Reuters	1,100	Utd Bisc	1,400
Brit Steel	4,900	Kingfisher	2,100	Rothmans	255	Vodafone	5,800
Burmah Cast	22	Kwik Save	48	Ryl Ins	2,800	Wellcome	1,700
Cable Wire	2,100	LASMO	1,800	Ryl Bk Scot	2,300	Whitbd 'A'	620
Cadbury	2,200	Ladbroke	2,200	Sainsbury	1,600	Wlms Hld	2,700

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3518.02 (+1.39)
S&P Composite .... 449.70 (+0.85)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20895.99 (+264.23)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7349.72 (-18.46)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 106.5 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO .... 1717.4 (+20.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1622.00 (+3.82)

FT 30 share: .... 2208.7 (+2.1)

Brussels:
General .... 6064.91 (+4.19)

Paris: CAC .... 516.98 (+6.44)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 498.8 (-0.3)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1406.50 (+3.67)
FT 500 .... 1529.37 (+4.80)
FT Gold Mines .... 202.7 (+7.4)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.47 (+0.14)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.99 (+0.15)
Bargains 27434
SEAQ Volume 626.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 137.80 (+0.27)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 17	May 28	August 12	August 23

Call options were taken out on 26/5/93: Acorn Comp, BAT Inds, Cannon Street Inv, ERA Group, Hanstone, Hollas Group, Proteus, Ratners.
Put: Kewill Systems.
Put & Call: Greycoat.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	42½	56½	63½	8½	16	23
(*526)	550	15	29	37	33	40½	47½
Argyll	300	27	35	42	8½	15	21
(*326)	330	10	20	24	22	31	36
ASDA	67	5	9½	-	3½	6½	-
(*69½)	76	3	6	-	8½	12	-
Boots	420	27	39½	45½	13	21	25
(*429)	460	8½	21½	26½	40	43	46
Br Airways	287	31	41	45	6	10	16
(*311)	316	13	25	30	18	23	28
BP	300	22½	29½	35	8½	15½	20
(*312)	330	8	16½	21½	25	31½	35½
Br Steel	100	6½	10	14	8	10	14
(*100½)	110	2½	7	10	15½	16	21
C & W	700	59	72	84	15	24½	33
(*746½)	750	25	42	56½	37½	48	57
CU	532	40	45	-	10	19	-
(*560½)	580	14	23	-	33	48	-
Courtauld	500	48½	60	68	8½	17	23½
(*540½)	550	16½	31½	41½	32	40½	47
ICI	1250	67	85½	110	40	70	83
(*1267½)	1300	42½	63	87	67½	99	110
Kingfishr	535	52	65	-	7	16	-
(*574)	584	20½	36	-	26	36	-
Land Sec	550	30	41	50	11	17	24
(*564½)	600	5½	17	24	43	47	51
M & S	330	15½	25	31	12	18	22½
(*334)	360	5	12½	18	33	36	39
Nat West	460	29	39	49	14	27	33
(*472)	500	11	21	31	40	51	56
Sainsbury	460	27	43	50	13	22	28
(*475)	500	10	23	31	37	43	50
Shell	600	29	39	48	12½	24½	29½
(*613)	650	8	15½	26	43	55½	57½
Smkl Bch	460	31	45	55	20	31	38
(*470½)	500	13	28	37	42	53	60
Storehse	200	14	23½	26½	11½	15½	22
(*203½)	220	6	13½	17½	24½	27½	34
Trafalgar	101	13	16	-	4½	7	-
(*107½)	110	7½	13	14½	8½	11	14
Unilever	1000	51½	76	89½	17	28	36½
(*1024½)	1050	23½	47½	62	44	53½	62½

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Feb	Puts Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	390	15	23	31½	22½	29	37½
(*386)	420	5	13	21	45	50	56½
Ladbroke	180	13½	21	26	11½	19½	23½
(*181)	200	6	12½	18	25	32½	36
Utd Bisc	390	33½	45	52½	15	23	30½
(*404)	420	23	30	37½	31	37	46

May 26, 1993 Tot: 25795 Call: 14870 Put: 10925 FT-SE Call: 3118 Put: 3526
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Jan	Puts Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	700	52½	68	73	14	22	27½
(*750)	750	23	39½	45½	37	44½	51
Thames W	500	17	26	30	24	32½	35
(*508)	550	3½	9	12½	64	67½	69

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	400	33	79	47	10	21	47
(*416½)	425	18	26	35	20	33	37
BTR	550	62	69½	78	4½	14	18½
(*604)	600	25	37	47	20	34	38½
Br Aero	300	42	53½	65	17	28	36
(*325)	330	26	38½	51½	32½	44	52
Br Telcm	420	22	28	32½	14	25	30½
(*425½)	460	6½	12	16½	39½	50½	55½
Cadbury	420	31½	42	51	11½	19½	24
(*433½)	460	12	22½	31	33	41½	45½
Guinness	460	32	46	57	16	26	31
(*460)	500	13	27	37	39	48½	53
GEC	300	26	30½	34½	7½	12	14½
(*320)	330	8	14½	19	24	28	30½
Hanson	220	19	23	26	4½	8½	12
(*233)	240	7½	13	16	14	18½	22
LASMO	140	20½	26	31	8½	14	17
(*150½)	160	10½	17	22	19½	25	28
Lucas	130	15	19	22	8	16½	19
(*133)	140	10½	14½	17	14	23	25
Pilkngtn	130	10	15	19	8	12	14
(*133)	140	6	11½	15	14	17	20
Prudential	300	29	36	41	5½	12	15
(*321)	330	12	19	26	19	26	29
Redland	500	32	44	54	22	36	40
(*504)	550	11	24	33	52	67	71
Royal Ins	269	29	35	41	6	12	15
(*288½)	288	16	24	30	14	21	24
Tesco	200	19	26	29	7½	13	15
(*212½)	220	8½	16	20	17	24	23
Vodafone	390	45½	58½	65	8	16½	19½
(*427½)	420	24	40½	47½	19	29	32½
Williams	300	25½	32	38	8½	17	21
(*313½)	330	10½	17	24	25	34	37

FT-SE INDEX (*2845)

	2700	2750	2900	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Jun	157	115	71	37	17	6½
Jul	173	133	97	65	41	26
Aug	194	156	120	89	66	45
Sep	209	172	138	108	83	60
Dec	254	-	187	-	132	-
Puts						
Jun	9	10	22	39	72	112
Jul	17	24	39	57	87	122
Aug	30	40	56	77	102	134
Sep	43	59	78	100	128	156
Dec	67	-	101	-	148	-

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	390	30	40	48	3½	12	18
(*415)	420	8½	23	32	13	26	32
Amstrad	30	4	6	7½	1½	3½	4½
(*32½)	35	1½	4	5½	4	6	7
Barclays	420	47	55	65	2½	10	16
(*459)	460	14	30	42	12	26	31
Blue Circ	240	16½	27½	32½	3½	11	18
(*253)	260	5½	16½	22½	13½	21½	28½
Br Gas	280	13½	23	27	3½	8½	15½
(*290)	300	4	12½	16½	14	19	26
	330	1	4	6½	42½	42½	47½
Dixons	200	17	24½	33	3½	13½	18½
(*212½)	220	5½	16	23½	14	25	29½
Forte	180	16	26½	30½	3	8	14½
(*193)	200	4½	15	21	11½	18	25
Glaxo	600	33	62	73	13	32	54
(*617½)	650	10	37	50	41	60	80
	700	3	22	33	87	95	114
HSBC	600	39	67	85	8	27	40
(*630)	650	10	41	59	30	52	63
Hillsdwn	140	10½	19	23	4	7½	13
(*147)	160	2	9	12	15	20	24
Lonrho	110	12	18	22	2½	8½	13
(*122)	120	6	13	17	7	15	18
Reuter	1300	42½	91½	138	19	60	76
(*1343½)	1350	18	64½	110	47	86	101
R-Royce	140	7½	14½	18½	7	12½	17
(*143)	160	1½	6½	10½	21½	25½	29½
Sears	90	11	14	16½	1½	3	6
(*98½)	100	3½	8	10	4½	6	9
Tarmac	130	8	15½	19	4	9	14½
(*134)	140	3½	10½	14½	9½	15	20½
Thrn Emi	850	31	48	64½	9	38	48½
(*869)	900	7	24	42½	39½	70	77½
Tomkins	220	13	19½	25½	3	11	14½
(*229½)	240	3	9½	16	14½	23	26
TSB	180	8½	16	20	3½	12	16
(*184)	200	3	7½	12	18	24	27
Wellcome	750	49	82½	103	13	33	54
(*792½)	800	22	55	76	35½	57	81

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Dec	Puts Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	18	27	29	8½	15	18½
(*166½)	180	9	18	20	20	26	30

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	27½	35	41½	20	27½	33
(*472½)	500	9	17½	24	47½	52	57

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	330	11	23	32½	7	15½	19
(*334½)	360	3	10	19	29	32	36
Scot Pwr	310	10½	16	21½	5	15½	18½
(*314½)	330	3	7½	13½	18	28½	30½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2840.0	2857.0	2836.0	2852.0	8498
Previous open interest: 50345	Sep 93	2863.0	2877.0	2863.0	2875.0	648
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.05	94.06	94.02	94.05	6441
Previous open interest: 310233	Sep 93	94.16	94.23	94.12	94.20	25284
	Dec 93	94.07	94.12	94.04	94.11	5428
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.65	96.67	96.65	96.66	640
Previous open interest: 18151	Sep 93	96.46	96.49	96.45	96.48	654
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.77	92.77	92.65	92.65	18259
Previous open interest: 582375	Sep 93	93.51	93.51	93.37	93.40	40205
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				110-12	0
Previous open interest: 0	Sep 93				109-04	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-10	104-28	104-07	104-25	87450
Previous open interest: 77059	Sep 93	103-15	104-02	103-14	104-00	27590
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.01	108.10	107.91	107.92	155
	Sep 93	107.00	107.21	106.98	107.02	2985
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.36	94.39	94.04	94.08	75774
Previous open interest: 160392	Sep 93	94.62	94.62	94.31	94.33	16626
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.49	92.50	92.46	92.48	903
Previous open interest: 25854	Sep 93	93.21	93.21	93.15	93.17	1693
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.96	94.96	94.91	94.91	2193
Previous open interest: 41731	Sep 93	95.36	95.38	95.32	95.34	3909
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	99.63	99.74	99.43	99.50	9767
Previous open interest: 41271	Sep 93	99.40	99.50	99.30	99.33	4900

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Sugar continued to slide, despite the shock news that Cuba's crop in 1992/93 would total only 4.2 milliom tonnes. This was well below last year's harvest of seven million tonnes and more surprisingly 1.3 million tonnes below last week's trade estimates. However, the negative reaction to the news suggests that the trade have sufficient stocks to cover any shortfall.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	644-640	Jul	751-750
Jul	664-663	Sep	767-765
Sep	681-680	Dec	789-785
Dec	701-700	Mar	812-809
Mar	721-720		
May	736-735		Volume: 3291

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	920-918	Jan	951-947
Jul	937-935	Mar	960-952
Sep	942-940	May	968 SLR
Nov	947-945		Volume: 2766

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug	-	Aug	
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	291.0-90.0
Spot: 292.0		May	296.0-95.0
Aug	289.0-88.5	Aug	301.0-98.0
Oct	290.0-89.5	Oct	292.0-90.0
Dec	291.5-90.0		Volume: 543

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.94	138.94	142.58
(+/-)	+0.46	+1.78	+2.22
Eng/Wales:	91.94	139.25	142.73
(+/-)	+0.46	+2.45	+2.35
(%)	-15.5	+17.5	-3.0
Scotland:	n/a	134.81	141.60
(+/-)	n/a	-9.03	-1.37
(%)	n/a	+61.0	-20.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Bkg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	110.5	110.5	Oct	98.0	98.0
Jul	103.0	103.0			Volume: 30

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	138.75
Sep	107.20
Nov	108.55
Jan	111.45
Mar	113.90
	Volume: 289

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	105.95
Nov	108.35
Jan	110.65
Mar	112.15
May	113.85
	Volume: 53

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	143.30
Aug	142.30
Oct	144.80
Dec	147.80
Feb	unq
	Volume: 20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	65.0
Apr	97.0	101.8
May	107.0	111.0
		Volume: 359

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jul 59.25-59.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A build in product inventories, as recovered in Tuesday night's stats, dragged the whole energy complex lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.10	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.20	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.40	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.80	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.00	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	209 (-1)	211 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	170 (-1)	170 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	170 (-1)	171 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	171 (n/c)	172 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	66 (-1)	68 (n/c)
Naphtha	183 (n/c)	184 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jun	168.75-69.00	Sep	174.50 BID
Jul	170.25-70.50	Oct	177.25-77.50
Aug	n/a	Nov	179.25-79.50
			Vol: 12134

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.38-18.39	Oct	18.72-18.79
Aug	18.51-18.52	Nov	18.80-18.85
Sep	18.63-18.64		Vol: 13443

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	196.50-97.00	Sep	n/a
Jul	197.50-98.00	Oct	n/a
Aug	n/a		Vol: 86

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 93	unq	unq	1642
Jun 93	1500	1475	1475
Jul 93	1360	1335	1340
Oct 93	1420	1400	1400

Vol: 150 lots. Open int'st: 3422 Index 1642 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1185.0-1186.0	1200.0-1201.0	1194800
Lead (£/tonne)	263 25-263.50	272.50-273.00	74075
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	959.00-960.00	977.00-977.50	287725
Tin ($/tonne)	5415 0-5420.0	5475.0-5480.0	7480
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1124.5-1125 0	1147.0-1147.5	870075
Nickel ($/tonne)	5660.0-5665.0	5727.0-5728.0	43950

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.8 (day's range 80.6-80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8136-2.8230	2.8196-2.8230	ds	1ds
Brussels	51.57-51.86	51.75-51.86	4-8ds	14-18ds
Copenhagen	9.6030-9.6730	9.6500-9.6730	ds	ds
Dublin	1.0283-1.0324	1.0296-1.0311	11-17ds	34-44ds
Frankfurt	2.5112-2.5270	2.5237-2.5270	ds	1ds
Lisbon	237.46-240.79	240.47-240.79	168-178ds	440-475ds
Madrid	191.87-196.27	195.98-196.27	90-123ds	253-302ds
Milan	2285.10-2297.60	2290.40-2296.60	9-11ds	27-30ds
Montreal	1.9472-1.9548	1.9521-1.9542	0.26-0.13pr	0.58-0.39pr
New York	1.5430-1.5485	1.5450-1.5460	0.39-0.38pr	1.04-1.02pr
Oslo	10.5990-10.6770	10.6540-10.6770	ds	ds
Paris	8.4470-8.4650	8.4510-8.4644	ds	4ds
Stockholm	11.2360-11.3250	11.3010-11.3250	ds	8ds
Tokyo	167.70-168.20	167.70-167.90	pr	pr
Vienna	17.65-17.78	17.73-17.78	ds	ds
Zurich	2.2446-2.2618	2.2587-2.2618	pr	pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5454-1.5480
Australia dollar	2.2115-2.2146
Bahrain dinar	0.5755-0.5875
Brazil cruzeiro *	62118.2-62159.9
Cyprus pound	0.737-0.747
Finland marka	8.4345-8.5505
Greece drachma	336.75-343.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.9567-11.9661
India rupee	47.90-48.86
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4595-0.4695
Malaysia ringgit	3.9618-3.9660
Mexico peso	4.76-4.86
New Zealand dollar	2.8291-2.8363
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7195-5.9455
Singapore dollar	2.4852-2.4885
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1402-7.1913
S Africa rand (com)	4 9285-4.9349
U A E dirham	5.603-5.727

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4295-1.4306
Austria	11.42-11.44
Belgium (Com)	33.33-33.37
Canada	1.2625-1.2630
Denmark	6.22-6.23
France	5.475-5.480
Germany	1.625-1.626
Hong Kong	7.7265-7.7275
Ireland	1.4995-1.5005
Italy	1480.0-1483.0
Japan	108.55-108.60
Malaysia	2.561-2.562
Netherlands	1.820-1.821
Norway	6.874-6.884
Portugal	154.5-154.6
Singapore	1.6065-1.6075
Spain	125.55-125.65
Sweden	7.282-7.292
Switzerland	1.4558-1.4568

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5 Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6. close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	6
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.15-3.12	3.33-3.30	3.65-3.62
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.26%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6 018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $378.30-378.80 Close: $374.20-374.70 High: $380.00-380.50
Low: $373.00-373.50 Krugerrand: $373.00-375.00 (£240.50-242.50)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-89.50 (£56.50-57.50) New $87.50-89.50 (£56.50-57.50)
Platinum: $388.00 (£250.65) Silver: $4.55 (£2.94) Palladium: $119.60 (£77.25)

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Modest gains in thin trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 24. Dealings end June 4. §Contango day June 7. Settlement day June 14. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Herring Baker	Property	
2	APV	Industrial	
3	Hi-Tec Sports	Leisure	
4	Macallan-Glen	Breweries	
5	Fyffes	Foods	
6	Misys	Electrical	
7	E Rand Prop	Mining	
8	Sheffield Inst	Building,Rds	
9	Bowater	Industrial	
10	Sappi	Paper,Print	
11	PowerGen	Electricity	
12	Rank Org	Industrial	
13	Ocean Group	Transport	
14	Chesterfield	Property	
15	BTR	Industrial	
16	Spring Ram	Industrial	
17	Anglian Water	Water	
18	Kewill Sys	Electrical	
19	Carlton Comm	Leisure	
20	Lon Ind	Industrial	
21	Wessex Water	Water	
22	Croda	Chems,Plas	
23	Racal	Electrical	
24	LASMO	Oils, Gas	
25	Granada	Industrial	
26	Shell	Oils, Gas	
27	HK Land	Property	
28	North West	Water	
29	Body Shop	Drapery,Stns	
30	CRA	Mining	
31	McKay Secs	Property	
32	Bigablen	Chems,Plas	
33	Unisel	Mining	
34	Macro 4	Electrical	
35	TI	Industrial	
36	*Mansfield*	*Breweries*	
37	Thames Water	Water	
38	BET Ord	Business Serv	
39	Hammerson	Property	
40	Doornfontein	Mining	

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Please take into account any minus signs

Three winners share yesterday's Portfolio Plus prize of £2,000. Miss A Charles, Bournemouth, Dorset; Mr E Eaton, Polegate, East Sussex and Mr F Mant, Guildford, Surrey.

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

418	345	Abbey Nt	415	- 3	11.5	3.5	16.0
255	179	Allied Irish	242	+ 1	....	4.7	12.4
176	130	Ass New Y	166	+ 2x	....	5.5	....
2850x	2700x	Bankamerica	2881½	+25	....	....	....
250	188	Bk of Ireland	235 †	+ 2	....	3.7	....
325	325	Bk Lesumi Ut	325	....	17.0	6.5	....
147½	116½	Bank Scotland	143	- 1½	4.5	4.0	....
470	362	Barclays	459	+ 2	15.1	4.1	....
3x	2	Benchmark	2x	....	....	....	....
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	....	....	....	....
19x	15x	Cadlide	15x	....	....	....	....
490	395	Cater Allen	485	....	20.0	6.7	....
126	85	Cattles	125	....	....	4.2	16.6
2450	1787x	Chase Manh	1950 †	+55x	....	....	....
2043x	1543x	Citicorp	1825 †	+31x	....	....	....
361	270	Close Bros	361	+ 2	....	3.3	16.1
1125x	927x	Commercial	1112x	+30	....	3.5	....
1304x	1250x	Deutsche Bk	1267x	-25	....	2.4	....
81	65	First Nat Fin	75	- 2	....	....	....
1288	936	Fuji Bank Y	1268	+98	....	0.4	66.3
665	543	Gerrard Nat	631	- 3	21.5	6.5	....
654	490	HSBC	631	....	19.0	3.0	15.1
634	474	HSBC HK	615	- 3	19.0	3.0	14.7
356	243	Hambros	338	+ 1	13.8	5.1	15.0
363	313	Joseph (L)	359	....	15.8	5.5	....
155	4x	King Shaxson	135 †	....	9.0	8.3	....
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	418	- 1	16.0	4.8	14.5
573	492	Lloyds	560	....	18.4	4.3	15.4
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	84	+ 1	3.0	4.5	15.7
449	322	Nat Comm Bk	449	+ 2	....	4.6	15.3
489	398	Nat West	472	+ 2	17.5	4.6	28.7
362	270	Provident	341	- 2	11.4	4.3	14.8
47	39	Rea Bros	42	....	0.5	1.5	44.6
288	207	Ryl Bk Scot	286	- 1	8.8	3.8	....
987x	467x	Schroders	953	- 2	....	1.4	19.0
758	576	Stand Chart	726	- 1	20.0	3.4	....
195	145x	TSB	184	- 2	6.4	4.3	....
140	78	Union Disc	134	....	....	....	....
705	529	Warburg Sec	694	- 6	18.0	3.3	20.5
185	185	-do- Pf 'A'	235	- 2	....	3.2	....
7850	4943x	Wells Fargo	6700	-31x	....	1.6	....
170	121	Wespac	167	....	....	4.5	....
215	188	Wintrust	205	....	9.3	5.7	7.9

BUSINESS SERVICES

875	663	ADT	868	- 3	....	....	....
228	198	Adam & Harvey	212	....	11.0	6.5	5.3
92	58	Air London	83	....	....	6.9	7.8
36	20	Ansaldo	30	....	....	....	....
519	402	Ashtead	504	- 1	20.0	4.2	28.1
75	64	Bestud	70	....	4.3	9.7	10.3
282	205	Bugby Group	274	+ 1	8.4	2.9	21.0
45	33	Bwtd-Spun	42	....	....	....	....
112	88	Sharpe & Fisher	112	+ 2	....	4.5	10.3
86	66	Sheffield Inst	86	+ 6	....	4.3	30.0
95	62	Sheriff Hidge	95	....	....	2.6	14.6
95	66	Sherco	73	....	....	8.9	16.6
228	205	Smart (J)	220	....	8.5	4.8	10.0
9½	4½	Starmin	9½	....	0.1	7.9	∞
162	103	Tarmac	155 †	+ 2	5.5	3.1	....
186	137	Tay Homes	182	....	5.6	4.0	11.6
116	83	Taylor Woodrw	107	- 1	3.0	1.2	....
1000	430	Tilbury Douglas	549 †	+ 2	23.0	7.5	....
28	18	Travis Hdrss	24	....	....	2.1	....
258	168	Travis Perkins	223	- 1	8.0	4.5	20.3
39	30	Tty Group	39	....	1.0	3.2	17.0
28	20	Tunnel	28	....	....	....	....
38	28	Ultrasonic	38	....	....	....	....
475	380	Ward Hidge	475	....	....	....	....
95	75	Waterhouse	95	....	....	....	....
475	360	Watts Blake	360	....	10.7	3.4	17.0
9	8	Wernick	8	....	....	....	....
92	60	Westbury	142	- 2	5.0	4.5	....
46	4½	West Scaffold	6	....	....	....	....
11	5	Wiggins	9	....	....	....	....
461	321	Wilson Bowdn	453	- 6	8.3	2.4	31.0
205	147	Wilson (C)	187	- 3	3.9	2.6	32.4
186	107	Wimpey G	175	- 3	5.2	3.8	....
45	27	Wkpac	30	....	0.6	2.5	....
26	14	Wills Gp	22	....	....	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	216	Allied Colloids	217	+ 1	3.9	2.2	17.2
759	613	Amersham	669	....	12.5	2.3	24.8
7	3½	Anglo Ind	3½	....	0.8	....	....
8304x	6225	BASF Dbl	8067x	+97x	....	7.7	....
257	199	BTR	246 †	- 4	....	4.7	19.9
£110	£101½	Bayer DM50	£104½	+96x	....	3.3	....
178	134	Blagden	175	+ 8	9.5	6.9	18.6
165	93	Brent Chems	94	....	....	9.8	8.6
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	400	....	....	....	....
20	18	Cabd Gp	20x	....	1.3	6.5	∞
135	126	Cambridge (W)	135	....	7.3	6.5	15.8
608	504	Courtaulds	541	+10	....	3.3	14.2
281	228	Croda	268	+ 5	....	3.6	17.5
146	121	Doeflex	135	....	4.6	4.3	10.4
208	175	Ellis & Everard	206	+ 5	8.0	4.3	18.8
28	15½	Euro Colour	28	+ 2	0.8	....	....
291	259	Halstead (J)	288	+ 3	....	2.6	14.4
240	194	Hickson	240	+ 3	....	4.2	22.3
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9650	+150	....	3.9	....
217	195	Holliday Chem	217	+ 2	....	2.1	20.0
1900	1040	ICI	1367x	+15x	....	5.4	11.5
688	581	Laporte	615	+ 2	19.5	4.0	17.0
223	181	Leigh	183	....	7.8	5.3	14.9
19½	7	MTM	11½	+ 3½	....	....	....
1712x	1462x	Norsk Hydro	1675	....	....	1.7	....
448	370	Paterson Zoch	448	+13	11.4	3.2	19.3
398	360	-do- 'A'	398	+13	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	240	Plysu	274	+ 1	3.6	2.3	22.9
14	7x	Sutcliffe Speak	10½	....	....	....	....
475	425	Wardle Storeys	437	+ 2	16.0	4.6	17.6
490	395	Wimbledon P	480	....	17.0	4.2	18.4
261	205	Yacht Chem	259	....	....	2.4	21.0
306	240	Yule Cats	289	....	5.9	2.6	17.6

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	89	- 4	3.0	4.2	....
87	42	Amber Day	80 †	....	3.1	4.8	21.9
319	257	Argos Plc	311	+ 2	....	2.8	21.4
232	69	Ashley (Laura)	110	....	0.1	0.1	....
222	184	Aspreys	205	....	....	2.4	23.1
245	188	Austin Reed	235	+ 2	5.0	2.7	∞
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	140	....	6.0	5.4	∞
121	97	Bejnalls	109	....	1.9	2.2	....
276	208	Bentalls	256	....	2.0	1.0	∞
34	22	Blacks Leis	33	....	1.3	....	6.8
232	133	Body Shop	212	+ 6	1.7	1.0	∞
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	....	....	0.6	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	378	+ 5	7.0	2.4	∞
87x	64½	Burton	85½	....	....	3.5	....
145	126	Cameron	143	....	....	2.5	19.0
355	295	Church	353	....	12.5	4.4	31.4
188	97	Clinton Cards	145	....	4.2	3.7	17.5
247	212	Coats Viyella	234	+ 2	....	3.8	26.4
106	78	Colorvision	91	....	....	....	15.4
502	374	Courts Furnish	501	....	5.9	1.2	25.1
155	115	Crown Spec	137	....	....	5.5	6.4
109	89	Daky Firm Ind	109	....	....	3.1	17.2
98	51½	Dawkins (D)	69	+ ½	1.0	1.8	22.3
281	194½	Dixons Grp	213	- 3	6.0	3.5	25.0
405	320	Dunhill	399	- 1	7.7	2.4	13.8
21	12½	ERA Gp	17	....	....	....	....
500	400	Elys (Wmslidon)	460	-25	16.0	4.3	15.4
115	71	Essex Furn	101	....	....	4.5	14.4
344	233	Etam	244 †	+10	6.9	3.5	22.4
362	499	Fine Art Dev	537 †	....	12.7	3.0	∞
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	....	....	....	....
500	458	Forminster	498	....	12.5	3.1	10.4
82	24	French Conn	59	+ 1½	....	....	....
587	462	Gallaher Gp	565	....	....	4.2	10.5
65	43	Gens Sil	49	....	2.0	5.1	14.4
703	650	Goldsmiths Gp	650	....	20.0	3.1	....
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	45	....	0.5	0.6	....
2013	2400	GUS	2913	....	40.0	2.1	23.2
1728	1363	-do- 'A'	1638	....	40.0	3.1	13.0
34	34	Hampden Grp	35	....	....	3.6	17.3
277	78	Harrisons	90	- 6	4.8	6.8	5.5
95	28	Hilton Plc	28	- 2½	2.0	10.7	∞
69	39	Hodgson	59	....	....	....	....
65	35	Honeysuckle	60	....	....	2.1	8.5
163	128	Hse of Terrote	163	....	10.3	6.7	∞
93	68	Jacques Vert	76	....	2.0	....	....
49	29	Kingfisher	574 †	+ 6	2.0	0.3	18.8
74	62x	Leslie Wse Gp	66	....	....	7.6	13.6
695	495	Liberty	640	....	7.2	1.4	13.4
230	165	Lloyds Chem	212	....	5.5	2.3	12.5
152	130	MFI	131½	- 3½	....	....	10.0
351	283	Marks Spencer	334 †	....	....	3.0	18.6
505	445	Mawdsley (John)	498	....	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	173	....	5.5	3.2	9.6
178½	139½	Next	163 †	....	....	....	....
38	15	Other (J)	36	....	....	....	....
250	197	Ortlease Int	217	....	....	5.5	14.1
63	45	Penaol	53 †	....	1.5	3.5	11.0
313	255	Qd Bldgs	283 †	....	5.1	2.5	20.1
41½	11	Reizens Group	34½	....	2.4	8.7	....
29	19½	Rhino Grp	29	....	....	....	....
139	120	Roadtoys	138	....	....	3.9	16.6
157	137	Sherwood Gp	148	+ 3	....	....	....
98	78	Sims	98	+ 1	3.5	4.4	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	480	+ 2	15.4	3.9	15.1
15	4½	Spectrolyte	12	....	....	....	....
219	176	Storehouse	204	+ 2	....	3.1	28.1
191	148	T & S Stores	185	+ 1	5.9	3.5	12.3
133	113	The Rock	132	....	....	3.0	21.5
220	160	Time Products	212	....	7.5	4.5	∞
100	63	Usher (Frank)	92	....	....	4.3	12.2
45	27	Vtec	35	....	1.0	2.9	30.8
77	58	Wessams	76	....	....	6.3	....
178	118	Wicks	116	+ 1	....	....	51.5
80	45	Wld of Leathers	58	....	....	....	....
160	146	Wyevale	160	....	....	2.5	∞
4	2½	Xen-tronics	3½	....	....	....	3.7

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	153	- 6	4.5	3.7	15.1
240	223	Acala	238	....	....	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Accon Comps	109	+ 3	....	....	25.2
480	385	Admiral	436	....	3.4	1.3	18.4
139	104	Alba	128	....	4.7	4.6	16.8
43	19½	Alphameric	37	....	....	....	....
38½	22	Amstrad	32½	....	0.4	....	....
128	73	App Hldgs	78	....	....	....	....
24	13	Arlen	21	....	....	....	....
58	35½	Asec	57	....	....	....	0.9
280	260	Beales Hunter	275	....	9.2	4.2	14.5
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	3½	- 1½	10.2	6.1	20.8
403½	319	BICC	395	....	9.2	2.4	18.8
575	455	Blick	494	....	....	....	....
1700	1150	Borland	1400	....	....	....	....
319	274	Bowthorpe	313	....	6.3	2.5	∞
425½	320	BT	425½	+ 2	....	4.7	21.0
19½	5½	Bulgin (A?) 'A'	10½	+ ½	0.1	1.2	....
151	110	Burndicit	147	....	4.2	2.8	22.1
703	660	Cable Wireless	747	+ 2	13.2	2.2	23.1
15½	11½	Chloride	15½	....	....	....	....
259	220	CML Micro	251	....	....	....	....
115	74	Comptr People	115	....	0.6	0.7	....
1584	1084	Cray Elect	1534	+ 4½	....	0.4	12.6
353	243	Cridlebry	333	+ 2	....	2.3	23.6
67	36	Dale	58	....	5.1	8.4	9.6
119	86	Data	111	....	....	5.1	16.9
568	414	Delta	534	....	....	2.7	13.2
298	220	Dennams Elec	287	....	....	4.2	18.9
680	480	Domino	646	....	7.2	1.8	16.9
65	48	Dowding Mills	57	....	2.5	5.5	18.7
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	45	....	0.5	0.6	....
2013	2400	GUS	2913	....	40.0	2.1	23.2
1728	1363	-do- 'A'	1638	....	40.0	3.1	13.0
34	34	Hampden Grp	35	....	....	3.6	17.3
277	78	Harrisons	90	- 6	4.8	6.8	5.5
95	28	Hilton Plc	28	- 2½	2.0	10.7	∞
69	39	Hodgson	59	....	....	....	....
65	35	Honeysuckle	60	....	....	2.1	8.5
163	128	Hse of Terrote	163	....	10.3	6.7	∞
93	68	Jacques Vert	76	....	2.0	....	....
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695	495	Liberty	640	....	7.2	1.4	13.4
230	165	Lloyds Chem	212	....	5.5	2.3	12.5
152	130	MFI	131½	- 3½	....	....	10.0
351	283	Marks Spencer	334 †	....	....	3.0	18.6
505	445	Mawdsley (John)	498	....	10.0	2.5	16.6
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38	15	Other (J)	36	....	....	....	....
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63	45	Penaol	53 †	....	1.5	3.5	11.0
313	255	Qd Bldgs	283 †	....	5.1	2.5	20.1
41½	11	Reizens Group	34½	....	2.4	8.7	....
29	19½	Rhino Grp	29	....	....	....	....
139	120	Roadtoys	138	....	....	3.9	16.6
157	137	Sherwood Gp	148	+ 3	....	....	....
98	78	Sims	98	+ 1	3.5	4.4	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	480	+ 2	15.4	3.9	15.1
15	4½	Spectrolyte	12	....	....	....	....
219	176	Storehouse	204	+ 2	....	3.1	28.1
191	148	T & S Stores	185	+ 1	5.9	3.5	12.3
133	113	The Rock	132	....	....	3.0	21.5
220	160	Time Products	212	....	7.5	4.5	∞
100	63	Usher (Frank)	92	....	....	4.3	12.2
45	27	Vtec	35	....	1.0	2.9	30.8
77	58	Wessams	76	....	....	6.3	....
178	118	Wicks	116	+ 1	....	....	51.5
80	45	Wld of Leathers	58	....	....	....	....
160	146	Wyevale	160	....	....	2.5	∞
4	2½	Xen-tronics	3½	....	....	....	3.7

ELECTRICITY

487	389	East Midlands	463	....	17.1	4.6	8.9
496	369	Eastern Elect	477	+ 7	16.7	4.4	11.7
356	304	Hydro--Elect	335	+ 3	10.1	3.8	11.9
506½	430	London Elect	477	+ 3	16.1	3.4	11.6
549	458	Manweb	527	+ 1	18.2	4.3	7.6
514	434½	Midlands Elec	493	+ 1	17.2	4.6	9.9
549	440	Northern Elec	510	+ 1	17.3	4.6	9.4
544	488	Norweb	530	+ 1	17.3	4.4	9.6
352	280	Scottish Power	346½	+ 3	....	5.1	11.4
539	436	Seeboard	504	....	....	4.3	9.1
571	469	Sth Wales	539	+ 1	19.4	4.5	8.5
552	426	Sth Western	491	....	17.4	4.4	8.8
494	406	Southn Elec	472	+ 1	17.2	4.4	9.4
552	458	Yorkshire Elec	517	+ 1	17.7	4.3	9.6
354½	273	National Power	335	+ 3	9.1	3.4	11.1
353	273	PowerGen	340½	+ 4	....	3.8	10.8

FINANCE, LAND

60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	....	0.5	....	32.6
85	42	BWD	84	....	....	4.8	13.1
93	26	Baltic Plc	85	....	1.0	1.5	∞
1450	425	Caledonia	1425	....	44.4	4.2	16.3
1500	1075	Cantors	1375	....	27.0	2.5	11.6
285	245	Candover	264	....	10.2	4.9	18.7
98	71	Hezanchs	98	+ 3	....	....	9.7
208	195	Govett	205	....	....	3.3	8.9
148	125	Ivory Sime	147	....	....	5.4	15.4
6½	3	ITC	3½	....	....	....	....
12	11	Lightship	12 P	....	....	....	0.6
208	154	Lon Forfaiting	200	....	8.4	5.4	14.1
57	47	Manulife	57	....	....	....	....
15½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10½	- ½	....	....	....
49	40	Newsholme	49	....	....	....	....
225	146	Rathbone Bro	222	....	6.0	2.8	16.5
22	17	Rutland Tst	22	....	....	4.5	13.1
250	255	S & U	265 †	....	10.0	4.7	∞
68	48	Shaw & Fried	64	....	2.6	5.1	11.5
938	728	Sothebys	925	+13	....	4.1	....
108	83	STP Capital	107	....	3.0	3.5	10.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1950	1487x	Amer Express	1837x	....	....	....	....
234	183	Electra	226	....	6.7	3.7	20.5
522	422	Henderson Ad	513	....	41.0	5.6	12.1
221	82	Investec MdM	210	....	3.0	3.4	∞
218	164	Jardine Strat	216	+ 2	....	3.3	10.6
194	154	MAI	181	....	6.0	4.1	13.2
485	389	MAM	480	- 1	11.5	3.0	19.2
775	578	M & G	770 †	....	....	3.5	13.3
225	115	Smith New Ct	221	+ 1	4.5	2.5	8.8
80	55	Trio Hldgs	78	....	....	4.8	....

FOODS

515	461	AB Food	472	+ 1	14.0	3.8	10.6
77x	53	ASDA Group	69x	- ½	....	2.9	22.4
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	216	....	6.5	3.6	12.3
78	55	Albert Fisher	65	....	3.7	7.2	10.8
407	297	Argyll	328	+16	....	4.2	11.9
25	12	Ashley Group	17	....	....	4.1	....
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	....	8.0	7.6	∞
220	165	Banks (F G)	210	....	10.0	4.8	11.5
411	310	Bart (AG)	405	....	6.5	2.2	17.8
85	57	Bennett Cmp	62	....	....	5.7	13.9
141	112x	Berisford Int	140	....	....	....	....
455	357	Booker	378	+ 5	....	1.2	38.7
80	35	Bradbrook	48	....	1.1	2.8	34.2
488	400	Brake Bros	488	....	6.2	1.6	20.5
51	38	Budgen	40	- 1	....	....	13.6
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	434	+ 3	....	3.8	16.1
97	78	Cavis Milling	97	+ 3	3.9	4.0	14.4
201	178	Cranswick A	191	....	....	4.9	14.1
20	8½	Cullens	17½	....	0.5	3.6	9.4
384	168	Dalepak	200	....	6.0	3.8	9.0
491	434	Dalgety	481	+ 6	19.5	5.7	12.5
54	32	Denkirk 5	54	....	0.6	1.1	....
134	122	Everest	129	....	....	3.4	17.8
295	269	Farepak	290	....	....	2.2	20.6
10	3	Fernclogbird	7½	....	....	....	....
94	78	Finlay Packag	78	....	4.1	5.3	∞
78	78	Fyffes	105	+ 5	4.1	3.9	17.4
483	328	Geest	389	- 3	8.1	2.6	17.5
12	7	Globale	11	....	....	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	....	1.1	3.3	....
282	187	Hazlewood Fds	270	....	8.1	4.2	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	147	....	7.5	7.5	11.6
750	616	Iceland Frozen	711	+ 1	10.0	1.8	21.2
151	111	JIJ Group	120	+ 1	6.1	4.7	17.3
853	717	Kwik Save	776	+ 3	16.0	2.6	14.9
262	194	Low (Wm)	194	- 3	8.4	5.4	9.4
58	41	Manbrey (R)	55	....	2.2	5.1	36.0
19	12½	Mercians Resll	17	- 2	1.7	8.5	∞
174	149	Morrison (W)	158	- 1	....	2.6	20.5
324	263	Nthn Foods	311	....	13.6	3.3	12.5
250	242	Nthn Foods	254	....	....	3.9	14.0
22	13	Nrthmbria Pro	13	....	....	....	6.1
228	122	Nurdin Peack	207 †	....	6.1	3.7	12.3
241	205	Park Foods	237	+ 2	3.2	1.7	28.3
115	83	Perkins Food	108	....	4.4	5.1	∞
96½	67	Pizzaexpress	82	- 2	....	0.6	47.1
4½	1½	Raglan Hldgs	4½	....	....	....	....
588	444	Ranks Hovis	475 †	+ 6	10.0	2.6	....
68	35	Sentry Farms	35	....	....	2.2	13.1
225	178	Sims Food	173	....	11.2	6.1

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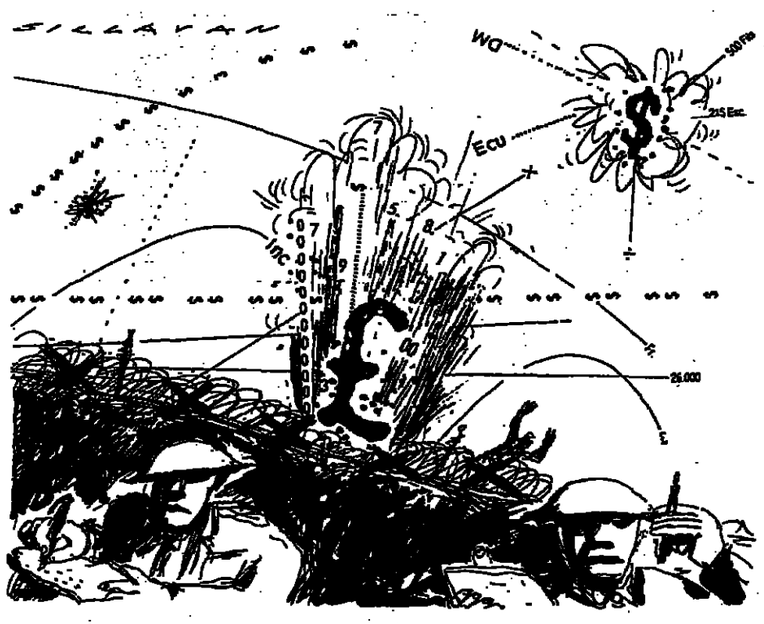
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ACCOUNTANCY

Battle-weary earn their leave

Edward Fennell says the trainees who sat this year's intermediate papers have won a place in accountancy history



WEARY trainee chartered accountants emerging from this month's exams after days over hot scripts could console themselves that, successful or not, they were the first to take the new Intermediate Papers.

Having gone over the top to confront an unfamiliar enemy they can now retire to their trenches, lick their wounds and await the results. Their 15 hours under the invigilators' stern eyes and heavy barrage of five separate testing sessions will have made them famous for 15 minutes. Their place in history — or at least in its footnotes — is assured.

But whether that makes them better accountants only time will tell. The new exam structure — or "syllabus realignment" as it was described by Chris Heaton of Financial Training, has brought forward material formerly covered by the second-year exams in order to make space for more changes in 12 months.

And that is not the end. There is a likelihood that by the decade's end the exam system will change again with the introduction of work rate assessment and "real life" measurement of competence. Mr Heaton said: "It should mean newly qualified accountants have been tested in a much more relevant way. By ensuring that they have built up their knowledge during their first year, it means they can undertake more demanding case studies for their finals. They will increasingly be assessed on their competence to do real accountants' work."

Certainly the new style papers are putting trainees through their paces in a contemporary setting. For example, candidates are asked to discuss in detail the future plans of a company called Coulious plc specialising in development and assembly of electronic components for railway signalling systems. Should Coulious go ahead with production of a new device codenamed RSD108 is the nub of the question.

The candidates are told to "ignore inflation" but otherwise the question is steeped in the real world. The fact that Coulious will have to make many people redundant either sooner or later is a "given."

Staffing problems also raise their heads at Greenfingers Ltd, a landscape designer that has difficulty recruiting experienced designers. Greenfingers pays no overtime and costs out senior staff at just one third more than juniors. Not surprisingly, candidates are asked to "comment critically" on the way of calculating the costs of designer time.

The chartered accountant's qualification, as is well known, is seen to represent the UK equivalent of the US MBA. Certainly these new papers suggest the young accountant is already on his or her way towards running a big corporation and not just doing the books for a corner shop. But let's not get carried away by the aspirations of these budding moguls. In case they get ideas beyond their station, they are brought down to earth with a reminder in one question that, "there are 365 days in a year." At least that is more realistic than assuming there is no inflation.

Directors concerned over going concern

COMPANY directors think they are having a hard time with new regulations coming at them from all sides. The message, if the latest draft proposals on going concern and financial reporting are anything to go by, is that the process has hardly started. Appendix II of this document alone contains 78 areas it recommends directors should satisfy themselves over before reporting to shareholders that they have "a reasonable expectation" their company will survive the coming year.

Directors will undoubtedly become very upset about this and the postbag of comments to the perpetrators of the going concern proposals will probably be heavy and hostile. But before they make complete fools of themselves, directors should understand what an easy time they have had so far. The draft guidance has been produced by a working party from the Hundred Group of Finance Directors and the English and Scots ICAs. The reason for its work is simple. The code of best practice laid down by the Cadbury report, which comes into force at the end of next month, requires that "directors should report the business is a going concern with supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary". But Cadbury recognised this could not come about until guidance was issued. Now it has been.



ROBERT BRUCE

At its heart is an obvious responsibility of a business. When producing its annual accounts, it should tell its shareholders whether it thinks it is likely to be still in business a year later and that it has produced its accounts with that assumption in mind. The wording the guidance suggests is "after making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts." This going concern concept is the most fundamental of all accounting concepts underlying financial statements. But in the past, directors, as with so many of their responsibilities, have left the hard work to the auditor. Now they are going to have to take responsibility themselves. They must make a positive commitment rather than an implied assumption and what was implicit must become explicit. As the guidance says, "it has not been the practice for directors to state explicitly they consider the going concern assumption is appropriate". Now it will be.

To the public, it will seem straightforward. If you are the board of directors, such a reponsibility, with back-up work to make sure your assumption that the business will continue is based on fact, should be obvious. This does not appear to be so. The senior partner of one of the largest accounting firms tells me of a recent seminar it ran for senior executives on the Cadbury recommendations. In his view the going concern assumption was pretty elementary. To his horror he found that half of the delegates were opposed to being seen to take on the responsibility. As he noted: "if you cannot do that you shouldn't be in business in the first place".

Add to this the part of the guidance which says bankers to all listed companies should take an active part in confirming banking arrangements to back up the assumption and you can see further problems ahead. Combining directors and bankers, the two most timid and conservative forces in business, and asking for positive commitments almost beggars belief. But section 3.11 of the guidance does. "The onus is on the directors", it states, "to be satisfied that there are appropriate and committed arrangements in place for the forseeable future. The directors may want to seek confirmation from their bankers regarding the existence and status of any finance arrangements which the company has entered into". This could lead to very unseemly scenes indeed. Directors are going to see this bit of guidance as a way of spreading the blame should anything go wrong. They will be straight to the bank manager demanding assurances. And bank managers, will be back pedalling furiously to avoid doing so. Meanwhile the auditors, at last placed clearly in their independent position to review the assumptions, will await the end of the squabbles before deciding whether to agree with whatever bit of much fought over documentation is deemed to comprise "the reasonable assumption". As with so much in current reforms, the grief is caused less by the changes and more because company directors and auditors being forced to stand up and be counted on issues which used to be just discreet assumptions.

Responses to the guidance should be in by July 16. The cries of woe and outrage will make interesting reading.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Morris plays it safe

CHRISTOPHER Morris of Touche Ross, the host of today's huge meeting of BCCI creditors at Wembley Arena, may have taken a tip or two from his old friend Ian Bond, the deputy chairman of Coopers & Lybrand's insolvency practice. In April, 1989, Bond was appointed scrutineer of the world's largest proxy vote when Abbey National met to vote on proposals to turn itself from a building society into a bank. Wembley conference centre was booked for the event, but precautions had to be taken just in case Abbey's 6.5 million potential voters decided to attend. "We booked Wembley Stadium just in case," he says. "In the end, it was such a wet and miserable day that only about 1,000 turned up." Better safe than sorry.

Cheque fates

BY A coincidence, before the ink was dry on last week's paper, I received more excuses why bills have not been paid: I want to go on holiday. I put all window envelopes straight in the bin. The cat/dog/monkey/hamster/goat ate the invoice/cheque. My lawyer has run off with all my money. I am having a baby in four weeks. My dog died. The government should pay for tax advice. My wife won't let me have the cheque book. Your cheque is in the fax. You are at the top of my list. Having cash flow problems (envelope postmarked Portugal/Australia/Caribbean). You have my cheque book. My horse lost. The local post box was set on fire. You're an accountant and you must be rolling in it.

Make him an offer

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No sex bias in Sunday trading law

Chisholm and Others v Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council and Another
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council v B & Q plc
Before Mr Justice Ferris
[Judgment May 26]

The enforcement of section 47 of the Shops Act 1950, whereby retail stores would be prohibited from opening on Sundays thereby depriving a larger number of women than men of job opportunities, did not constitute sexual discrimination contrary to the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 or the Council Directive 76/207/EEC, the Equal Treatment Directive.

Mr Justice Ferris so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on four applications:

1 An action by Mandy Chisholm, Annette Layden, Ann Tuck and Francesca West, for female shop assistants employed by B & Q at its Dewsbury store, for

(a) a declaration that the Sunday trading provisions of the 1950 Act were unlawful and unreasonable as a matter of European Community law, by reason in particular of the Equal Treatment Directive of February 9, 1976; and

(b) an injunction to restrain Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council from seeking to enforce the Sunday trading provision in relation to the Dewsbury store;

2 An application by Kirklees to strike out the employees' statement of claim;

3 An application by the Attorney-General to strike out the employees' statement of claim; and

4 A motion by Kirklees to restrain B & Q from contravening an injunction granted against it restraining it from opening its Dewsbury store on Sundays.

Mr Gerald Barling, QC and Mr David Anderson for the employees; Mr Stuart Isaacs, QC, Mr Neil Calver and Mr Clive Lewis for Kirklees; Mr David Vaughan, QC and Mr Nicholas Davidson, QC for B & Q; Miss Genevra Caws, QC and Mr Nicholas Paines for the Attorney-General.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that underlying all four applications was B & Q's contention that section 47 of the 1950 Act was nullified because the enforcement of it would constitute sexual discrimination contrary to the 1975 Act and the Equal Treatment Directive.

Each of the employees had been employed by B & Q only on Sundays for many years. Their case was that, if the Dewsbury store had to close on Sundays they would lose their Sunday employment.

In the case of two employees that would mean they were denied any employment because their family circumstances were such that they could work only on Sundays and there were no other suitable Sunday job opportunities in the area.

The other two employees could switch to Saturday working but they would suffer a loss of income because B & Q paid higher wages for Sunday employment than for work on other days.

The employees' argument was based on the fact that women substantially outnumbered men among those who were able to be, and were in fact, employed in retail outlets on Sundays. Accordingly, if a retail outlet was required to shut on Sundays, many more women than men would be deprived of employment.

The way in which the enforcement of section 47 of the 1950 Act was said to be in contravention of the Equal Treatment Directive was that it had or was liable to have the effect of introducing a condition and/or selection criterion within the meaning of article 3 of the Equal Treatment Directive for access to jobs and/or posts at B & Q's Dewsbury store, and/or a working condition, within the meaning of article 5 of the Directive, that was indirectly discriminatory on the ground of sex.

The condition, selection criterion and/or working condition was capable of being expressed as follows: that with respect to each relevant job or post, no part of the working hours was to be worked during Sunday, and/or all working hours were to be worked during the period Monday to Saturday.

Although articles 3 and 5 of the Equal Treatment Directive and section 6(1) and (2) of the 1975 Act involved certain differences, the concepts were the same and it would be convenient to refer to both as discrimination.

The Attorney-General argued that article 3 governed access to jobs or job opportunities which existed whether or not there was discrimination of the kind aimed at.

It could have no application to section 47 which in terms said nothing about jobs and which, so far as it had an effect in respect of jobs, provided that there were to be no jobs on offer in shops on Sunday except with regard to authorised exceptions.

If section 47 were to be regarded as requiring the imposition of discriminatory provisions in the condition for access to jobs, then every retailer who did not open his shop on Sunday and thus offer employment to women who desired to work on Sunday would be guilty of discrimination.

By declining to open on Sunday, whether by reason of the statutory prohibition or his own conscientious objection or personal preference, every such retailer would deny employment opportunities to women, who desired to have employment in shops on Sunday in greater numbers than men, just as B & Q would deny such employment opportunities if forced to obey section 47.

That was absurd. In some cases the shopkeeper might be able to escape liability on the ground that his failure to open was objectively justifiable, but the burden of establishing that would lie upon him and it was unreasonable and unnecessary to treat section 47 as giving rise to discrimination which required to be justified.

As to article 5, that required that men and women should be guaranteed the same condition without discrimination on the ground of sex. That envisaged equal conditions in some existing employment.

The fact that a business was not open during particular hours or on particular days did not amount to the imposition of a "working condition". It merely meant that there was no employment during those hours or on those days.

As to section 6(1) of the 1975 Act, the Attorney-General submitted that it applied only where discrimination was applied in relation to existing employment. It did not require an employer to open his business at times when he would not otherwise open it in order to provide job opportunities.

A retailer who chose or was forced to observe section 47 and so to refrain from offering job opportunities to either men or women on a Sunday was no more guilty of discrimination than if he refrained from opening on Sunday in order to enjoy a day of leisure.

As to section 6(2), the case of the employees was that if B & Q was forced to close on Sundays it would discriminate against them by dismissing them or subjecting them to some other detriment. That was incorrect.

One was not dealing with a new provision which, for the first time, made unlawful something which had previously been lawful. The clear impact of section 47 was to make unlawful from the outset the Sunday opening of the Dewsbury store which began in 1986.

Its practical effect in relation to employment had not been to require dismissals or subjection of employees to detriment. It had been to prohibit B & Q from lawfully offering job opportunities on Sundays.

His Lordship found Miss Caws' arguments for the Attorney-General compelling.

He also accepted her argument that section 47 did not give rise to indirect discrimination of any kind within section 1(1)(b) of the 1975 Act, in that there was no requirement or condition which was such that the proportion of women who could comply with it was considerably smaller than the proportion of men who could comply with it.

As his Lordship had held that there was no discrimination there was no need to decide whether there was any discrimination that was objectively justifiable. However, he found that it would be.

That was because (i) the aim of section 47 was a justified aim; (ii) the Sunday trading legislation was clearly not passed with the intention of discriminating on the ground of sex and, if it had that effect, it was indirect, or perhaps even speculative, and (iii) it was inevitable that any legislation whose aim was to ensure that, so far as possible, shopkeepers and shop assistants did not have to work on Sunday would reduce the job opportunities which were available on Sunday.

As the employees' action was accordingly obviously doomed to fail it would be struck out and the action dismissed. His Lordship would accept the undertaking of B & Q that it would not after May 31, 1993 open the Dewsbury store on Sundays until further order.

Solicitors: Hepherd Winstanley & Pugh, Southampton; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr Michael Vause, Huddersfield; Hepherd Winstanley & Pugh, Southampton; Treasury Solicitor.

Disembarkation is not entry

Regina v Naillie and Another
Before Lord Templeman, Lord Lowry, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Woolf
[Speeches May 26]

A person arriving at Heathrow Airport did not enter the United Kingdom when he disembarked, nor did he enter when he proceeded towards immigration control having passed the transit corridor, thereby evincing an intention to go through immigration.

It followed that merely to disembark without a passport did not mean that a person had *ipso facto* entered illegally.

The test of the legality of entry was whether leave had been lawfully obtained and not whether a person possessed a valid passport or other relevant document.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the Director of Public Prosecutions on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service from a decision of the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Swinton Thomas and Mr Justice Garland) (*The Times* April 20, 1992; [1992] 1 WLR 1099) that the respondents, Mr Yabu Hurerali Naillie and Mr Rajaratnam Kanesarajah, were not guilty of the offence of facilitating the illegal entry of persons into the United Kingdom, contrary to section 25 of the Immigration Act 1971.

The court had certified the following question of law as of general public importance: "Whether a person seeking political asylum who disembarks from a ship or aircraft at a port in the United Kingdom without a valid passport or other document satisfactorily establishing his identity and nationality is on disembarkation an illegal entrant for the purposes of the Immigration Act 1971."

Mr Brian Barker, QC, and Mr Martin Griffith for the Crown; Mr Alper Riza, QC and Mr Michael Massih for Mr Naillie; Mr Nicholas Blake and Miss Frances Webber for Mr Kanesrajah.

LORD SLYNN said that on March 3, 1991 two Somali women and six children arrived at London Heathrow from Kenya via Muscat. Their passports were taken from them by aircrew who handed the documents to an immigration official. On interview by an immigration officer, the women claimed political asylum. Each was served with a notice to illegal entrant under the 1971 Act but granted temporary admission into the United Kingdom. The passports were forged Tanzanian passports.

Enquiries revealed that Mr Naillie had booked tickets for the whole group, relying on the forged Tanzanian passports for that purpose, on March 1991. He had looked after the checking in of the whole group in Nairobi. On part of the flight the whole group travelled together. Mr Naillie denied that.

On August 7, 1991, at Isleworth Crown Court (Judge Simon Evans and a jury) Mr Naillie was found guilty of the offence charged and he was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

On March 9, 1991 Mr Kanesrajah flew to Sri Lanka, taking with him his wife's passport. He allowed that passport to be forged by the substitution for the original photograph of a photograph of a woman and child. On April 25, 1991 airline tickets were purchased for Mr Kanesrajah and three persons who were to travel on the same passport. All four boarded the aircraft and during the flight to London, via Dubai, Mr Kanesrajah took the passport back.

On disembarkation the three persons claimed political asylum. They were not asked to produce passports and they did not claim that they or any of them were the persons in the passport.

On arrest Mr Kanesrajah was found to be in possession of his wife's passport, as forged, and the travel documents issued to the three travellers.

On November 18, 1991 Mr Kanesrajah was convicted at Croydon Crown Court (Judge Sir David Hughes-Morgan and a jury). He was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment.

The Crown's case was essentially that a person could only be a legal entrant to the United Kingdom if he had a passport or other relevant document. Any person who entered or who sought to enter the United Kingdom without a passport was an illegal entrant.

That, it was said, applied no less to those seeking asylum. If they had a passport and sought to enter asking for political asylum they were legal entrants; if they did not have a passport they were illegal entrants. There was no third status of "asylum seekers".

Even if, as illegal entrants, they might be allowed to stay under the Immigration Rules that did not prevent a person from committing an offence under section 25 of the 1971 Act.

If a prosecution was brought under section 25 the questions were (i) whether the persons concerned were illegal entrants, (ii) whether the accused knew or had reasonable cause for believing them to be such and (iii) whether the accused was knowingly concerned in making or carrying out arrangements for securing or facilitating their entry into the United Kingdom.

As to the first question, section 3 of the Act drew a distinction between arrival and entry. Thus a person should not enter without leave and the power to give leave to enter was vested in immigration officers who might examine persons arriving in the United Kingdom.

By section 11 a person had not entered while he was in a place approved for the purposes of awaiting examination and being examined. Nor had he entered when he was temporarily admitted under powers conferred by Schedule 2 to the Act.

By paragraph 2 of the Schedule persons who had arrived, including transit passengers and persons not seeking to enter, might be examined so that the immigration officer might determine whether such persons might or might not enter the United Kingdom without leave.

Thus, the pattern of the Act was that a person arriving in the United Kingdom by air had to present himself to an immigration officer and, if so required, be examined, furnish information and produce a valid passport or other document.

He could only enter lawfully if he was given leave. He was an illegal entrant if he came in without such leave or in breach of the immigration laws, for example, by deceiving the immigration officer knowingly or otherwise.

A person arriving by air at Heathrow did not enter the United Kingdom when he disembarked. Nor had he entered when he proceeded towards immigration control having passed the transit corridor, thereby evincing an intention to go through immigration rather than to seek to go to a foreign destination. It followed that merely to disembark without a passport did not mean that a person had *ipso facto* entered illegally.

It was said however that "illegal entrant" included a person seeking to enter in breach of the immigration laws. But a person was not seeking to enter within the meaning of the Act when he disembarked. He sought to enter when he presented himself to the immigration officer or when he tried to pass out of the area of immigration control without presenting himself to the immigration officer.

Thus if he presented himself to the immigration officer and produced a forged passport or lied in a material way he was seeking to enter in breach of the immigration laws. If he was discovered to have forged documents he was an "illegal entrant" within the definition set out in the Act. If he succeeded and was allowed in on the basis of forged document he was also an "illegal entrant".

But a person was not an illegal entrant who, on arrival, openly went to the immigration officer and said that he had mislaid his passport and asked whether he could establish his identity in any way without the appropriate document. He was not, at that stage, an illegal entrant.

The test of the legality of his entry was whether leave had been lawfully obtained and not whether a valid passport or other relevant document was in his possession.

None of the travellers in the instant case sought to rely on false documents nor did they themselves practise any fraud or deception on the immigration officers nor did they enter clandestinely.

They were not charged with any of the offences of knowingly entering without leave under section 24 or of refusing or failing to be examined or producing documents or making false statements or having in their possession any passport which they knew or had reasonable cause to believe to be false within the meaning of section 26. The fact that they used forged documents to leave another country did not mean automatically that they practised deception to come into the United Kingdom.

However, it had to be emphasised that in relation to a charge of facilitating illegal entry under section 25, the position of a defendant might be very different in a case where the person in reality seeking asylum either (a) relied only on forged documents or (b) relied initially on forged documents but when the falsity was revealed or the authenticity of the documents challenged, changed tack and sought to claim political asylum.

Lord Templeman, Lord Lowry, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: CPS, Headquarters; Lizzimore Braithwaites, Holloway; Krish Ratna & Co, Southall.

Risk of domestic violence

Regina v Greenwich London Borough Council, Ex parte Patterson

When a housing authority decided to refer a homeless person, for whom it acknowledged a duty to secure permanent accommodation, to another authority where she was purported to have a local connection, then it had to satisfy itself that there was no risk of domestic violence if she was referred but it was not bound to probe further than simply to ask the applicant directly.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy Queen's Bench judge, so held on May 12, when refusing on the ground of delay, the application of Miss Diane Patterson, for judicial review of the decision of Greenwich London Borough Council of September 6, 1991, to refer her to Birmingham City Council pursuant to section 67(4) of the Housing Act 1985, on the ground that she had no connection with Greenwich.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the applicant had been served with a notice to quit temporary accommodation provided by the authority and on March 10, 1993 those proceedings were adjourned pending the outcome of the public law issue in the judicial review proceedings commenced shortly before.

The instant case was yet another stark illustration of the unfortunate consequences of the parties not being able to battle out their public law issue in the county court — a cheaper, more expeditious and appropriate forum for solving all issues relating to housing and homelessness.

The constant stream of cases in the Crown Office list which ought to be comprehensively litigated in the county court was deserving of attention.

Reasons requirement for self-discipline

Regina v Islington London Borough Council, Ex parte Trail

The requirement of a local authority, when giving a decision concerning a person's housing application, to give proper reasons for the decision was important as a valuable form of self discipline.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated on April 27 when granting the applicant, André Trail, judicial review by way of a declaration of the decision of Islington London Borough Council who had found that he was not in priority need within the meaning of section 59(1)(c) of the Housing Act 1985.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the reasons requirement was valuable to a decision taker in ensuring that the decision arrived at was properly articulated. Also, it was essential for the recipient of the decision, particularly one that was adverse, to be able instantly to know why he had lost, not only for the purpose of giving satisfaction to someone who was subject to an administrative process but also for assessing the potential for a challenge by way of judicial review or any other appellate process.

London's one-stop shop for history

Monarch, parliament, galleries, theatres, shops; **David Thurlow** reports on the city that has it all

The City of Westminster encompasses a deceptively large slice of London. It is not just Westminster Abbey, on the site of an island where the Roman emperor Claudius housed his elephants in AD43, and its neighbour, the Palace of Westminster. Go north inside its boundaries and you are in the heart of the West End, including its shopping, restaurants, theatreland and Piccadilly Circus. The area is visited by eight million overseas tourists a year.

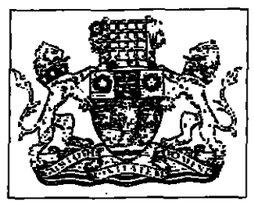
Go west, and there is Buckingham Palace, then the reclaimed swampland that is now Mayfair and Belgravia and on to Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. Slightly north is Regent's Park and further west, Lord's cricket ground.

These are the images of London seen around the world on the postcards that visitors send home. Research shows that first-time visitors from North America spend six out of their average ten days' holiday in the City of Westminster. The Tower of London is the only sightseeing outside Westminster on their list of essentials in the capital.

No other council can offer the home of a monarch, the mother of parliaments, the shopping and artistic centres, architecture that includes 12,000 listed buildings, concert halls and parkland, and housing that includes some of the most expensive and poorest in Britain.

Westminster became a city in 1540, when it was the site of one of England's main wool markets. In 1585, a Court of Burgesses was founded to govern the city. The court was appointed by the High Steward, who was in turn appointed by the Dean of Westminster. It was not until 1901 that his powers were transferred to Westminster City Council, which, in 1965, was expanded in the reorganisation of London boroughs to include St Marylebone and Paddington.

Dame Shirley Porter, former leader of the council and lord mayor, believes the council should be thought of as the heart of Europe. "Geographically it is. It is the heart of London and London should be the heart of Europe," she says. "It is right in the middle



City arms: the motto is, O Lord, watch over the city

of the time zone, with language, position and tradition in its favour. Westminster is a microcosm of the country itself. It represents everything of the country in its small area: residents, business, commerce and tourism. Everyone has to acknowledge that we all need each other for the running of the city."

It is that philosophy that is pushing the council on towards the 21st century with new ideas and plans such as the Millenium Initiative to improve and promote Westminster; the Westminster Initiative, which promotes care for the environment in partnership with the private sector; and the First Stop Shop and the One Stop Service which was Dame Shirley's idea of applying supermarket principles to local government.

These initiatives are designed to ensure that Westminster continues to upgrade its international image. Merv Montacute, the council's managing director, says: "Westminster is inevitably a high-profile authority and we are inevitably viewed as a significant authority internationally, being in the centre of London and having been innovative in local government. We have a constant stream, from all over the world, of people interested in city government and our competitive tendering. We are particularly conscious of where we are, and it has implications for us."

First Stop Shop, which opens next year, will provide international callers with information on local business, investment opportunities and office space availability. The project is a development of the council's One Stop Service shops, at which residents can seek information on any area of council activity. Mr Montacute says: "We like to think we have pioneered something, taking it all over the world."

David Weeks, the leader of Westminster City Council's ruling Conservative group, says: "Apart from the Tower of London everything that visitors think is synonymous with London is in our council's area. We are very conscious of the fact. I think it will continue that way. Our role as a council is that we continue to be pre-eminent. My objective is to make sure we remain one of the three world-class cities with Tokyo and New York."

The council is conscious too of the fact that it shares the area with the national government. They stay quite separate, however.

He sees Westminster's role for the future as a provider of services "as impeccable and cost-effective as we can make them — quality of service at a low price — and the cleanest major capital in Europe. We want it to be a place where people want to live, to work and to visit."



AEROFILMS

Heart of London: an aerial view of the City of Westminster looking south and east as the River Thames wends towards the City and docklands

Facelift for 21st century

The Millennium Initiative aims to spruce up the city by the year 2000

Is central London as dirty, dingy, dangerous and uninviting as we perhaps excessively self-critical British tend to claim? Are visitors appalled that the heart of the former Empire has been allowed to decline? Do they see a once-great capital drifting rudderless, deprived of leadership and inspiration?

Definitely not, says Westminster City Council. Things are not nearly as bad as its critics maintain. But they could be better.

Making things better is the aim of the Millennium Initiative which is hoped, by the year 2000, will do much to restore London pride. "We have a wonderful opportunity to revitalise the environment of London and make it a more attractive and enjoyable place for everyone," David Weeks, the council's leader, says.

Those responsible for the initiative have set themselves four objectives. The first is the upgrading of what they call the "Processional Route", from Westminster Abbey to St Paul's Cathedral. In consultation with English Heritage, the Royal Fine Art Commission and the Civic Trust, they propose to upgrade the appearance of the streets by removing clutter, improving pedestrian facilities, installing better lighting and enforcing planning controls to prevent unauthorised development.

Trafalgar Square will be enhanced by a completely new floodlighting scheme, the first of a number of projects being undertaken by London Electricity to achieve a unified lighting scheme for the whole of central London. The second target is the River Thames. The aim is to improve the quality of the riverside environment, open up new views and install new facilities, to create a "river of light".

The third project involves revitalising the museum district, the great complex of Victorian buildings between Kensington Gardens and Cromwell Road first conceived by Prince Albert.

The final project aims to enhance the five Royal Parks, which in many cases present a shabby and unloved appearance. The Royal Parks Review Group has made a large number of recommendations, such as the replacement of ugly park buildings and the creation of a pedestrian precinct in front of Buckingham Palace. However, with the government reluctant to release funds for its restoration, the future of the Albert Memorial remains uncertain.

Elsewhere, the Embankment Place development over Charing Cross station, and the opening of three new top-grade hotels, the Langham, the Regent and the Lanesborough, are seen as outstanding examples of urban renewal. There are hopes that the Royal Opera House redevelopment may finally be resolved, and the Coliseum renovated to consolidate its position as the home of the English National Opera.

CrossRail and the Jubilee Line extension could both make a big difference to life in London. Redevelopment of King's Cross seems as far away as ever, but the proposed Channel Tunnel terminal at St Pancras is some compensation, ensuring the future of the great gothic Midland Hotel.

The council emphasises that the role of the private sector in giving London a facelift is not just a question of public-spiritedness but is very much in the interest of commerce if London is to retain its place as a magnet for financial investment.

Westminster council is equally aware of the need to form a working partnership with other local authorities. Relations along the river, with the City of London, the London Docklands Development Corporation and Kensington and Chelsea, are said to be excellent; but with Camden to the north and Lambeth to the south, there remains a deep ideological divide.

Predictably, Mr Weeks has not the faintest regret at the demise of the Greater London Council, and would bitterly oppose any attempt to revive it, even in a much smaller form. "This so-called fragmentation of London government, which people talk about, is a lot of nonsense," he says.

"The trouble is that some boroughs are efficiently run, and others are not. People who live in the latter tend to think things would be better if we still had the GLC. But they would not."

JOHN YOUNG

City's supermarket services

The City of Westminster has been to the fore of local government since its Court of Burgesses was founded in 1585; local and national government have run in tandem at the Palace of Westminster ever since, *David Thurlow writes.*

The City of Westminster council is unique. Its administration encompasses a range of people, from the poverty-stricken to the Queen, with 173,000 residents in 8.2 square miles and nearly 104,000 houses. The council has changed with the times and is a leader in all that is new in local government.

Westminster council is now run on a "supermarket" basis, a concept introduced by the former Tory council leader, Dame Shirley Porter, the Tesco heiress. She wanted commercial disciplines to give the "customers" — residents and businesses — the best service possible. Staff are even sent to Marks and Spencer to see how they serve their customers.

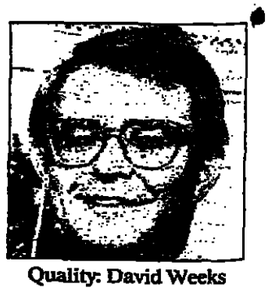
The council began to put services out to tender in 1980, and now 32 contracts, worth £60 million, have been let. The council claims savings of £9 million a year. There are 53 contracts ear-marked for tenders in the next three years.

Conscious of being answerable to its customers, the council has a strategy to inform residents how and where to complain about council services, while there are also three One-stop Service Shops, introduced under the council's citizen's charter, where residents can go for advice or information on council affairs.

To help the 75 per cent of the population who live in conservation areas it has produced a booklet on how to preserve their heritage. To help enhance historic sites, the council is floodlighting Trafalgar Square and the "Processional Route" towards St Paul's, and linking the five great parks with a walkway.

The Westminster Initiative is an environmental partnership which asks Westminster residents and workers to act as "eyes and ears" for environmental problems, such as cracked paving stones and failed street lighting.

There is another point of pride for the council: its council tax, without transitional relief, is the lowest in London, with the H bracket at £590 a year. David Weeks, the council leader, says: "We want a vibrant, world-class city where our residents, our top priority, receive impeccable, high quality services."



Quality: David Weeks



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One big tourist attraction

David Churchill on Westminster's battle to handle 17 million visitors

Earlier this month, Madame Tussaud's, the City of Westminster's top tourist attraction for fee-paying visitors, unveiled a £10 million ride at its famous Baker Street premises called The Spirit of London.

This attraction takes visitors, seated in an imitation black taxicab, through the city's colourful history, including a bird's-eye view of the firework celebrations for the opening of Trafalgar Square and a trip down memory lane to the psychedelic, swinging London of the 1960s.

Yet the fact that the bulk of the history and places of interest displayed in the ride comes within the boundaries of the City of Westminster highlights the city's sometimes ambivalent attitude towards tourism. Almost all the 17 million visitors expected to come to London this year — about 10 million from overseas — will spend most of their trip inside the confines of the Westminster area of authority. Moreover, the City of Westminster is home to London's top three tourist attractions: the British Museum and National Gallery (both free) and Madame Tussaud's, along with Westminster Abbey, which does not record visitor numbers.

Westminster tourism will also receive a big boost this summer when Buckingham Palace is opened to the public for the first time as the Queen seeks to offset some of the costs of rebuilding Windsor Castle. London tourist officials expect no shortage of tourists queueing up for a visit, at £8 a head, around the royal home.

"The City of Westminster is like a honey-pot which attracts visitors simply because of the range and breadth of the attractions and places of interest it has," says the London Tourist Board, which finds its role increasingly aimed at trying to interest tourists in places in outer London.

But Westminster, in spite of its place as one of the world's top tourist destinations, finds it has no need of a full-time tourism officer to attract more visitors. Rather, it sees its role very much as providing the infrastructure to cope with the problems which such large numbers of tourists inevitably bring — problems ranging from tourist coaches causing traffic congestion through to the vast amount of litter and damage to the environment.

London's reputation in the 1980s as one of the dirtier cities in the world has been largely expunged as a result of efforts by Westminster (and other London boroughs) to keep the streets clean.

A survey carried out last summer by the London Tourist Board, moreover, confirmed this view: few tourists were concerned about the standards of cleanliness on the streets. Of more concern was the expensiveness of shopping, hotels, paid attractions and theatres.

> Problems range from coach congestion to litter mountains

The Westminster Initiative, set up four years ago to improve the quality of the environment through enlisting the aid of companies, retailers and individuals, has also had an important impact on making Westminster a "greener" and more attractive place for tourists.

The City of Westminster, with 12,000 listed buildings within its boundaries, is proud of its record of eschewing the sort of extensive office development that has marred the City of London's skyline over the past decade.

This "caring" approach has been extended to the city's restaurants and hotels — it has more of these inside its borders than any other city in Britain. It has set up a "considerate restaurateurs and hoteliers" scheme to encourage the hospitality industry to improve standards and minimise their impact on the environment. Yet the real problem is a shortage of good middle-range hotel accommodation in the area for tourists.

Westminster has had less luck in tackling the problem of coach parking, an issue that has dogged London for years. Efforts to use the Mall or royal parks as coach parks have been frustrated, and Westminster is forced to rely on residents and others tipping them off about rogue parking through its "coach check" scheme.

But while Westminster's response to tourism may seem more reactive than proactive, in the sense that it seeks to provide the best environment and infrastructure rather than encouraging simply more numbers, its attitude to the arts and leisure is rather more positive.

Westminster spends about £10 a resident, more than any other borough, on supporting the arts, including the establishment of a trust to run the newly-refurbished Wigmore Hall and supporting the Hamlyn Westminster week at the Royal Opera House, when opera and ballet seats are made available to residents at prices ranging from £2 to £10, a tenth of normal prices.

In the past year it also gave grants totalling more than £1 million to 26 arts organisations and encouraged other arts activities, such as the annual Dance in Westminster programme and a series of free concerts in its libraries.

Residents also have the benefit of a scheme called Rescard, which gives discounts at more than 120 venues in the area as well as concessions for more than 100 special events. The scheme is available to all residents aged over 18: so far about 30,000 have taken up the offer.

Young people have their own leisure package: a Youthcard scheme, which offers reduced charges at sports and leisure centres.



Tussauid tableaux: Sir Christopher Wren supervises the rebuilding of London after the great fire of 1666

Property values bounce back

£250 million investment from overseas helps the West End to survive slump

The fall in rentals and commercial property values in Westminster has probably come to an end. Rents on the best offices have stabilised, investors are moving back in and available new space has peaked.

In its latest report on the West End office market published this week, Richard Ellis says that many of the investment deals under offer at the end of last year were concluded by March. With transactions totalling £381 million, the West End accounted for more than 80 per cent of all central London deals.

Businesses are expanding or coming back. More than 1 million sq ft of office space was taken up in the first quarter.

The Westminster area, like other areas in the South-east, has suffered in the property slump. Bill Ashton, of the research division at Richard Ellis, estimates that West End rents have fallen on average by 65 per cent from their peak. Poorer quality properties and less attractive locations have been hardest-hit.

The best property in Mayfair and St James's has fallen by only about 50 per cent. Mr Ashton says rents were £70 a sq ft right at the top. "Asking rents are now about £40, although it is often possible for tenants to negotiate incentives such as rent-free periods, so we could be talking of an effective rent several pounds lower," he says.

Richard Ellis calculates that about 9.2 million sq ft was available in the West End on March 31, up from 8.9 million sq ft a year earlier. However, only 2.3 million sq ft was in recently completed buildings — 7 million sq ft was secondhand.

Mr Ashton says: "The level of construction starts is low and only about 500,000 sq ft is under construction. Added to the existing empty new space, that means there is only 2.8 million sq ft available for the foreseeable future."

Another encouraging sign is that the first major pre-let of a building still under construction for more than 12 months has been achieved. Datastream bought Harewood House from the receiver.

Mr Ashton adds: "The devaluation of sterling has obviously had a beneficial effect on London's costs in relation to countries whose currencies have not been devalued. It has also increased London's attractivess as an investment centre and several major deals have been concluded with overseas purchasers since September."

The £381 million committed to the West End during the first quarter of 1993, the highest quarterly total for three years, included £250 million from overseas investors. The Germans alone put up £155 million in two deals.

RODNEY HOBSON

An efficient and polished act

Westminster is working to clean up the city and market its business services and management expertise abroad

The abolition of local business rates in favour of a uniform national rating system was a blow to councils such as Westminster that had sought to lure enterprises with comparatively low charges, *Rodney Hobson writes.*

When the uniform rate was introduced in 1990, rateable values in Westminster were multiplied 18 times because the rating review carried out in 1988 was the first for 17 years. While the amount paid by individual businesses did not rise as dramatically, the burden still has been great. It is not unknown to find a business paying four times the amount it paid previously. Many pay more in rates than they do in rent. Westminster now collects £850 million a year to go into the national pool that is then redistributed by the government. The rate increases have been phased in over five years and 50 per cent of business in the area receive some relief, but it concerned Westminster city council that a wedge was being driven between itself and the local business community.

Merv Montacute, the council's managing director, says: "Local authorities are now in a difficult position regarding businesses because there is no direct rating link. We simply act as a collecting agency."

Councillor Harvey Marshall adds: "Three years ago, Westminster recognised that businesses looked to the city council for services and I have since been appointed to the council of Westminster Chamber of Commerce as the local-government representative. It has broken down the barriers so the business community does not think that we do not care any more."

Mr Marshall has just been appointed chairman of the city council's environment committee, an apt appointment given that the major businesses are retailing, entertainment and offices, while industry is sparse. Apart from government departments, many national and international companies have their headquarters in the Westminster area.

Mr Montacute says: "One of our roles is to create a pleasant environment, to provide the infrastructure and make the place look attractive for shoppers and tourists. We have a distinct role in partnership with business to do that. One aspect of the relationship is that we must get right the bread-and-butter things, such as making the streets clean and attractive."

Westminster stretches north of Paddington, so there is a substantial area of small businesses, as well as the glamour areas of the West End. Mr Montacute believes that the widely based, commercial structure has helped Westminster to remain comparatively resilient to recession.

Attracting new businesses and retaining existing ones is a priority. In the absence of a single authority covering the capital, Westminster has linked with the City and Docklands to promote London's image. A report by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountants, on behalf of the London local authorities' planning group, identified a need for a "first-stop shop" to which potential investors, especially those from overseas, could make an initial approach for information.

Westminster, the City and Docklands examined the suggestion jointly with the aid of consultants and propose to open this facility in 1994 through the London Forum, a private-sector organisation that works with local government.

Meanwhile, Mr Marshall has been helping the chamber of commerce to promote Westminster abroad. One of his first tasks was to travel to Tokyo with chamber officials.

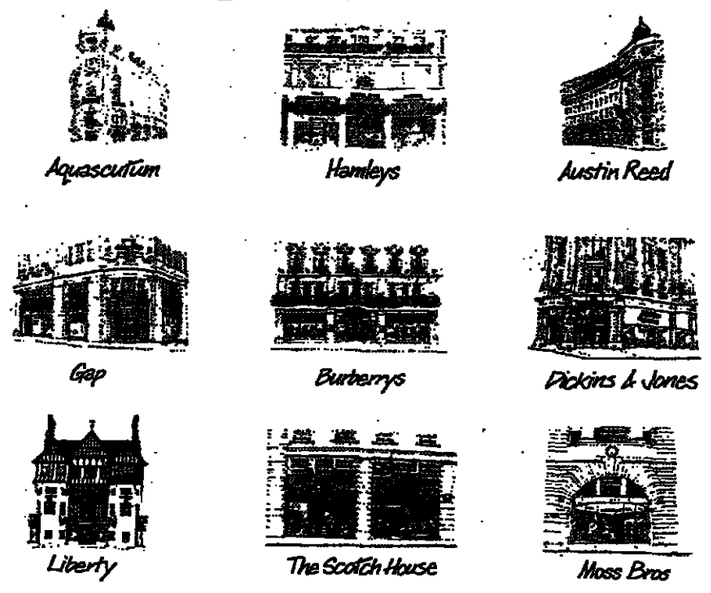
Other visits have included Amman in Jordan, and a delegation from Muscat in Oman and another from Poland have come to Westminster. Environmental issues, particularly waste disposal, have been high on the agenda.

Mr Marshall says: "We are at the forefront in selling British expertise in local authority management. If we build up a relationship with other countries, they will buy British because they can see that we are efficient."

Peter Boizot, chairman of the westminster chamber, says that moves are afoot to link with the London Chamber of Commerce to give greater help and service to businesses large and small in central London. "The opportunity to have closer ties with the great European chambers is also very much in our minds because they can quickly understand the activities of our own long-established and business-oriented organisation in London."

Meanwhile, Mr Marshall is still on the clean-up trail. Having removed the rubbish from the streets, he is now keen to control vehicle emissions. He is also concerned that the eastern part of Oxford Street has degenerated and that the part west of Oxford Circus is slowly going the same way. "I am determined to get it back to how it was," he says. "I have the support of the major retailers."

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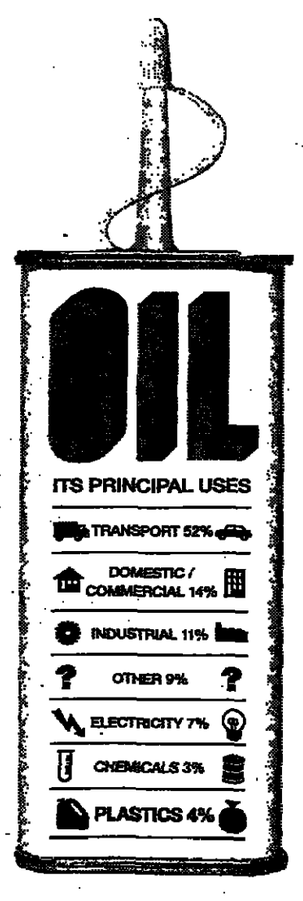
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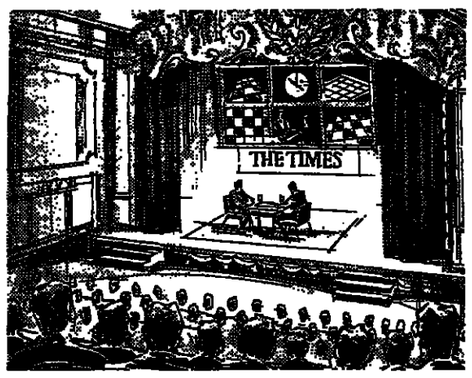
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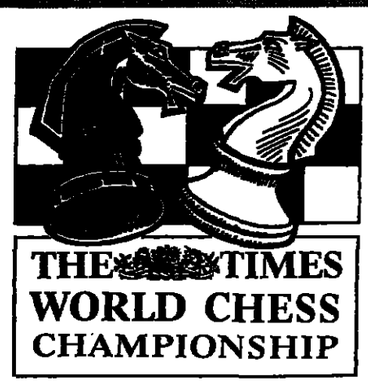
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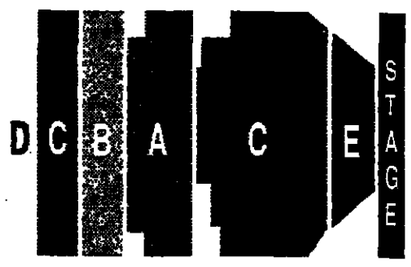
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** emerges bruised from an encounter with the latest Hollywood problem family

More heartburn than heartwarming

Taking its cue from society at large, every other Hollywood film at the moment seems to feature a family usually described by the jargon word dysfunctional. This week's *specimen is Jack the Bear*, based on the novel by Dan McCall. Mommy's dead, killed in a car accident. Daddy, host of a late-night television horror movie show, is a boisterous playmate to his two young sons, but likes his drink too much. Down the *dilapidated street* in Oakland, California, a broken-home kid lives with grandparents hazy from booze or pills; while a *mentally retarded youth suffers* routine taunts from his father. The traditional, standard-issue family is nowhere.

Since Marshall Herskovitz, the film's debuting director, helped create *thirtysomething* on television, a degree of fidelity to social ills might be expected. But *Jack the Bear* gets so overloaded with lurid domestic doings and precious talk about monsters that lurk in the "dark chambers of your heart" that it is hard to see what it can give an *audience, beyond a severe* case of depression.

Danny DeVito adopts two modes for the father's role: he capers around like an overgrown child, pulling mock-horrific faces, or he goes all out for a single parent's tearful concern. Neither spectacle is pleasant: he always pushes too hard.

Luckily, the kids prove subtler. Robert J. Steinmiller Jr persuasively captures the mixed emotions of the eldest son Jack, nicknamed Bear by his mother; and Miko Hughes, as the three-year-old kidnapped by Gary Sinise's neighbourhood weirdo, acts adorable without ever appearing too cute.

Herskovitz himself does not smooth the film's path. He keeps the camera too close to the action (a common fault with television talent), and allows his photographer to smudge the wide screen with ugly dark colours. *Jack the Bear* may earn a few marks for avoiding Hollywood's blandest formulae, but it remains a hard film to enjoy.

We cross the Atlantic for dysfunctional adults in North London. **Bad Behaviour** hails from Les Blair, Mike Leigh's colleague in the art of improvised film scripts. Leigh's prizewinning Cannes entry *Naked shows him striding forward* as a visual film-maker; Blair still remains tethered to plain camerawork and to talking heads.

At first the film's extreme modesty casts a pall. Why, you may ask, are we watching these domestic spats and tangles blown up on the big screen? Television is clearly their home. But after a while you cease to notice: the eccentric characters suck you happily into their cramped little Kentish Town world.

Top of the pile is Stephen Rea's Gerry McAllister, a council planner full of Irish drollery and Irish whiskey, wrapped in his work. Sinead Cusack, his wife, meanwhile, is undergoing a mid-life crisis, made even merrier by visitations from identical twins hired to redecorate the bathroom (Phil Daniels times two) and a scallywag property developer (Philip Jackson, magnificently oily) who seems permanently attached to a mobile phone.

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The 100-minute running time proves over-generous for this nonchalant, sparsely textured film; 85 minutes would have been ample. But any thin patches are easily offset by the finely tuned playing and the pleasurable sense of glimpsing our own lives in the gentlest of crazy mirrors.

On now in a crowded week to art-house fare. With **Madame Bovary**, Claude Chabrol's rashly declared intention was "to make a film that Flaubert could have made himself". Since Flaubert died 15 years before the Lumiere Brothers' first public film show, who can seriously speculate on the novelist's conception of cinema?

Chabrol certainly took pains to follow Flaubert's dialogue, and reproduce the houses and furnishings that surround Emma Bovary, restless wife of a dull provincial doctor. But despite sterling work by Isabelle Huppert and a fine display of doltish manhood from Jean-François Balmer (the devoted husband), the end product feels more like a glassed-in museum exhibit than a film that lives and breathes.

Out come the carriages rattling on cobbles, the bonnets, the hats, the ticking clocks: the usual period paraphernalia. Judging by Chabrol's past achievements as a social satirist, you would expect him to get out the scalpel and lacerate the fools, seducers and greedy merchants gathered up into Flaubert's novel. Yet he keeps his distance, scarcely ever moving into close-up.

Once or twice the aloof style pays off. In the ball scene, Emma slips magically through the gathering, savouring her new social status. Huppert excels in looking and listening, signalling the shift from disappointed wife to self-centred wastrel by a slight tightening of the eyes. But restraint and good taste are not sufficient. As *Madame Bovary* wends its way over 140 minutes, the psychological penetration of Flaubert's novel fades, and the clean, shallow images of a thousand television serials take over.

For unorthodox visuals, you must seek out **Vacas**, a striking if infuriating first feature by a new Spanish director, Julio Medem. The setting is the Basque country, where family feuds run deep, men compete in log-chopping contests, and cows gaze with steady eyes at their masters' follies.

Four tales trace the stormy relationships between two families over 60 years of war and peace. Cowardice, madness and a touch of incest play their part; though Medem seems less interested in cogent storytelling than creating a string of jagged images, suggesting the wildness and mystery of the Basque landscape and soul.

Being at Home With Claude opens with a frenzy of black-and-white shots, culminating in a hustler stabbing his partner with a steak knife. After this flashy *entr'acte*, Jean Beaudin's film switches to colour for an ear-grating barrage of French-Canadian words, derived from the René-Daniel Dubois play seen in London three years ago.

In the cloistered calm of a judge's chambers, a well-worn police inspector hectors the hustler, who bares his soul in a lengthy monologue. On stage, with Lothaire Bluteau as the rent boy, the results were apparently electrifying. On film, with Roy Dupuis and a shallow director, the words and passions remain obstinately inert.

Life returns to boring normal in **Cop and a Half**, where Burt Reynolds, a limping, battle-weary Florida detective, finds himself yoked to a cheeky sidekick who barely reaches his waist. Obsessed by television cops shows, this eight year-old mite, key witness to a crime, agrees to co-operate with the police only if he joins the investigation — badge, handcuffs and all.

With a premise like this, *Cop and a Half*, directed by *Happy Days* veteran Henry Winkler, never had much chance of success. On his first appearance, Reynolds steps from his police car into excrement. Was it worth returning to the screen after a four-year gap for this? Ray Sharkey, in a fierce mustard jacket, enlivens his few scenes as the villain. The kid himself, Norman D. Golden II, is bland and charmless: an assembly-line urchin for an assembly-line film.

Yet rather the inanity of *Cop and a Half* than the slick, casual violence of **3 Ninja Kids**, a desperate blend of *Home Alone* and chop-socky ventures such as *The Karate Kid*. Home alone when an arms dealer's three stooges call, the youngsters defeat the intruders with flying CDs, hurled pepper and laxative drinks.

So far, you might say, so juvenile. But the constant kicks to the groin and throat proved more than this adult could stand.



And father makes three: Miko Hughes (left), and Robert J. Steinmiller Jr (right), sons to widower Danny DeVito in *Jack The Bear*





Reunited for now: African Civet (left) from the Royal Collection, and Common or Crested Porcupine from a private collection; both by Vincenzo Leonardi, active 1621-1646

Cassiano's commissions are together again

The British Museum has an exhibition of 17th-century drawings from an eclectic collection amassed by a Roman polymath. **Joseph Williams** reports

A deformed artichoke and Nicolas Poussin; a bearded vulture and a Roman banquet: what on earth do they have in common? They were, in fact, the passions of Cassiano dal Pozzo, an enigmatic 17th-century collector and scholar. Cataloguing every *aspect of* life in the natural world — and the art and customs of classical antiquity — he amassed some 7,000 drawings by budding young draughtsmen whom he commissioned.

The British Museum has an exhibition of some of the finest drawings in this bizarre collection. These artists were avaricious for knowledge through observation: gazing up at the heavens, they must have felt a child-like awe. *The microscope* and telescope were recent inventions, and the curiosity of Cassiano's draughtsmen ensured that what they recorded was no mere step-by-step and dryly accurate representation of a plant or fossil, but often work of aesthetic quality. It is as if the artist and scientist were pursuing the same goal. So much so, it makes today's gulf between art and science look unnatural.

Cassiano spent his life mostly in Rome, with instant access to the ruins. In the 1620s, he joined the *Accademia dei Lincei*, a prestigious academy, of which his close friend Galileo, the astronomer, became a member. Cassiano hobnobbed with leading artists. He met Rubens, who shared his love of the Antique, and he became a devoted patron of Poussin.

Despite his generosity, Cassiano was no Croesus — he started collecting copies partly because he could not afford original artefacts. It was not unusual for polymaths in Cassiano's time to form collections, nor strange that their tastes were eclectic; but Cassiano's *Museo Cartaceo*, or Paper Museum, became so comprehensive that scholars, *artists and assorted travellers* to Italy consulted it. Yet he remains shrouded in mystery. Poring over incunabula in his laboratory, and surrounded by

> 'Cassiano sounds more like an alchemist than an antiquarian'

weird apparatus, skeletons and precious stones — with an exotic parrot squawking in a cage — Cassiano sounds more like an alchemist from the pages of Ben Jonson than a genuine antiquarian.

Sending out draughtsmen like photographers, he had them copy designs from ancient sculptures, mosaics, friezes and manuscripts; and their drawings depict banquets, games, funerals and weddings. *It is like looking at* the scribbled pictures of an artist's notepad — some brilliant, some bland, and others half-finished. Nearly all the drawings are unsigned, and many remain anonymous.

Attention to detail in Roman drapery and armour is best seen in drawings by Cassiano's prize draughtsmen: Pietro da Cortona and Pietro Testa. Testa, a testy artist who ended his days by chucking himself into the Tiber, contributed hundreds of drawings to the museum.

Not that all the items on show are important works of art. The endless scenes of little serried Roman figures gesticulating in air palled somewhat, and I yearned to look at the original sculptures. But the fascination is seeing how, in copying a marble frieze, for instance, an artist might change it slightly — alter the expression of a satyr, or give a torso less bulk.

Best of all are Vincenzo Leonardi's coloured drawings of animals, flowers and humble and exotic fruit, which do not look out of place next to the glories of ancient Rome. First-hand observation was crucial: Galileo may have trained his telescope on uncharted planets, but the outlandish plants and animals being transported from the New World were equally exciting to Cassiano.

Even inaccurate representations are endearing. A drawing of a blob of liquid viewed under a microscope looks like a modern Christmas card decoration. And why such a fascination for the appearance of a deformed orange? The intention was serious, though: draughtsmen analysed the structure of fungus as Galileo studied the surface of a moon.

It is sad, then, that over the centuries, the collection gradually broke up, and Cassiano's name faded. Many drawings rarely seen in public remain in the Queen's collection at Windsor, from which they have been loaned. The British Museum itself discovered recently that drawings in its collection were originally from the humble Paper Museum. An unassuming man, Cassiano published virtually nothing. Yet he opened his archives to everyone. In our era of over-specialisation he is a treat, and he never lost the wood for the trees.

● The Paper Museum of Cassiano dal Pozzo *at the British Museum, London WC1 (071-636 1555) until Aug 30. Admission free*

TELEVISION: **Peter Barnard**

Talking of Tiny

If Tiny Rowland switched on last night expecting a few familiar faces, he was not to be disappointed. Sadly for him. A procession of former Lonrho employees came to bury Rowland, if only in dirt that has already been turned over several times. Indeed, one has quite lost track of what is new and what is not.

Tiny Rowland, The Rebel Tycoon (BBC 1), Tom Bower's documentary for *Inside Story*, was nevertheless an interesting exposition of the way a financial juggler with an all-weather smile can mount an international charm offensive that rolls over the censure of a prime minister (Heath's "the unacceptable face of capitalism"), the criticism of Department of Trade inspectors (there had been "deception" *towards Lonrho directors) and* the investigative powers of the South African police (fraud charges laid, then dropped).

Rowland was called Fuhrhop when he came to England in 1935, the Indian-born son of a German father and an Anglo-Dutch mother: no wonder his English accent is impeccable. He changed his *name on the outbreak* of war. A school contemporary recalled "an arrogant German who was very much in favour of Hitler and the Nazis". Oh well. He joined the British army but went Awol and was later detained. Released in 1944, he worked as a porter at Paddington Station.

If that had happened now, he would soon be bidding for Western Region. As it was, the boy entrepreneur made a fortune from fridges but the company went *bust because of* an "entanglement" with the Inland Revenue. Rowland emigrated to Rhodesia and went into mining with the help of his MP, one Ian Smith (the very same). Before you could say *fool's gold Rowland* had formed the London and Rhodesia Mining Company (Lonrho). His first mining venture was assisted by investors falling over themselves on the strength of a forecast that the mine would produce gold for 22 years. *This was subsequently revised to two years*, but by then the money was in and Tiny was rolling.

Lonrho dug up Africa, sleeping in the same bed as black dictators in Zambia, Malawi *et al and white supremacists* in Rhodesia and South Africa: the expediency of temporary alliances, though I doubt Rowland has absorbed *much Lenin*. As one former employee described Rowland's somewhat mixed record over Rhodesia sanctions: "I think he was working in two minds."

In one black African country Lonrho ingratiated itself by carrying out expensive work for the president, seemingly without the sort of payment *you could put on a tax return*. Four "formers" described this activity. "A bribe" said the first. "A lubricant" said the second. A third called it "greasing the palm" and the fourth's version in Portuguese translated as "putting butter on the bread".

Throughout the intertwined lives of Lonrho and its chief there has been a perception that things were not as they seemed, that the boardroom eruptions and the public approbation were rooted in creative accounting and optimistic forecasting. As Eric Armitage, the urbane former chief accountant, put it: "Rowland wanted the accounts to show maximum turnover, maximum profits, maximum employees, anything that had noughts on the end."

Yet the air of conspiracy theory pervading the programme was not quite convincing. In spite of falling profits in recent years, which have forced a new realism on Lonrho (hence *The Observer* sale), most of the shareholders *still love Rowland*. He may be a fading force, but he can be relied upon to fade with panache. In Britain today, there is little enough of that.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

BARBER OF SEVILLE: English National Opera gives the final performance this season of Jonathan Miller's knockabout version of the Rossini opera, using the clever translation by Amanda and Anthony Holden. Mark Shanahan conducts: Michael Lewis sings Figaro, Della Jones is Rosina, Peter Bronder is Almaviva, Arwel Huw Morgan sings Bartolo, and Richard Angas plays Basilio.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm Ⓢ

LONDON FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA: The LFO's annual Summer Festival of Music in Cathedrals opens at the mother of all cathedrals with a programme comprising Sibelius's *Finlandia*, Tavener's new *Hymns of Paradise* and Beethoven's "Choral" Symphony (with soloists Lynda Russell, Adele Paxton, Angus Smith and Brian Bannatyne-Scott). Ross Pople conducts.
St Paul's, EC4 (tickets on the door between 11am and 5pm), 7.30pm

ULTRAVOX: The group has been reformed with a new lead singer, the 27-year-old musician Tony Fenelle, joining the original member Billy Currie. A new album, *Revelation*, is out next month.
Forum (formerly T&CC), Highgate Road, NW5 (071-284 2200), 7.30pm Ⓢ

OLGA BORODINA: The accomplished mezzo-soprano sings songs by Borodin, Cui, Balakirev, Rimsky-Korsakov and Mussorgsy, accompanied by pianist Larissa Gergieva.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm Ⓢ

CRUIKSHANK 200: The bicentenary of the birth of George Cruikshank is marked by an exhibition of his comic and campaigning art, caricatures, drawings and book illustrations.
Orleans House Gallery, Riverside, Twickenham (081-892 0221). Mon-Sat, 1-5.30pm, Sun, bank hols, 2-5.30pm, ends May 31.

REGIONAL

CARDIFF: Welsh National Opera does its bit for the Tchaikovsky centenary celebrations by mounting a new production of *Eugene Onegin*, produced by Howard Davies and designed by Bob Crowley. Welsh baritone Jason Howard sings the leading role, Janice Watson sings Tatiana and Neil Rosenshein makes his debut with the company as Lensky. Carlo Rizzi conducts the first night.
New Theatre, Park Place (0222 394844), 7.15pm Ⓢ

EDINBURGH: Ever since his feted debut album, *High Land Hard Rain*, ten years ago, **Aztec Camera** frontman Roddy Frame has been producing heartfelt, well-crafted pop. The group plays at London's Dominion tomorrow.
Usher Hall, Clerk Street (031-228 1155), 7pm Ⓢ

MANCHESTER: The watercolour show **Royal Residences of the Victorian Era** gives an evocative picture of the Victorian royal family lifestyle. It includes a number of works commissioned by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to commemorate the palaces in which they lived and the humbler residences they visited.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road (061-273 4865). Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-5pm, Thurs 10am-9pm, until July 31. Ⓢ

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The Royal Shakespeare Company's new season brings a pair of Venetian plays. David Thacker directs David Calder as Shylock and Penny Downie as Portia in **The Merchant of Venice** (main theatre). And Michael Bogdanov stages the company's first production of Goldoni: David Troughton plays both **The Venetian Twins** in a version adapted by Ranjit Bolt (Swan).
Royal Shakespeare Theatre and **Swan** (0789 295623). Both productions preview from tonight, 7.30pm: *The Merchant* opens June 3, 7pm; *The Venetian Twins* opens June 4, 7pm. Ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in John Caird's thoughtful but not universally liked production.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 195mins Ⓢ

□ **THE BESHT TELLERS:** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two poignant, exhilarating tales.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins Ⓢ

■ **THE CHANGELING:** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 180mins. Ⓢ

□ **THE CHINESE WOLF:** Funny, fresh David Ashton play, set in a scrapyard, where quick-witted Ronan Vibert must outwit Desmond Barrit's Mr Big.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 150mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

◪ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory man in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves an admirable Juno at war with unusually horrid menfolk.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins Ⓢ

□ **NICE DOROTHY:** Auriol Smith plays the sensible, middle-aged spinster who suddenly discovers sex: David Cregan's likeable look at late love.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (May 27, June 3), 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

□ **ON THE LEDGE:** Liverpudlians in trouble cling to a tower block. Alan Bleasdale angered by civic rot: best when funny.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm. 120mins. Ⓢ

□ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

◪ **SEARCH AND DESTROY:** How to lose innocence and grow rich in modern America. Howard Korder's compelling play inspires razor-sharp acting, directed by Stephen Daldry.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. 140mins. Final week.

□ **THE SHOWMAN:** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins. Ⓢ

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow staging by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 190mins. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Cyrano de Bergerac**: Theatre Royal (071-930 8800) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse Ⓢ (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CUP FINAL (15): Bald but effective tale of Israeli and Palestinian soldiers with one love in common: soccer. Eran Riklis directs.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

I WAS ON MARS (15): Shades of Jim Jarmusch in these slight, quirky adventures of a Polish innocent in New York. Directed by German film-maker Dani Levy.
Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ **NOWHERE TO RUN** (15). Shabby variation on *Shane*, with Jean-Claude Van Damme as the fugitive helping Rosanne Arquette fight for her land. Director, Robert Harmon.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

◆ **PASSENGER 57** (15): A psychotic terrorist hijacks a plane, but Wesley Snipes saves the day. Breezy revival of the *Airport* format, with Bruce Payne. Director, Kevin Hooks.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** Ⓢ (071-437 1234/497 9999) Ⓢ **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

LEOLO (18): Demanding, audacious, exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** Ⓢ (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366).

WILD WEST (15): Adventures of an Asian Country and Western band from Southall, West London. Buoyant but thin comedy, with Naveen Andrews and Sarita Choudhury. Director, David Attwood.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666).

THEATRE: Bloody Jacobean drama, and two long-winded contemporary plays

Absurd perhaps, but irresistible

The Changeling
Barbican Pit



DONALD COOPER

Fatal attraction? De Flores (Malcolm Storry), a servant who first commits murder for and then blackmails Joanna (Cheryl Campbell)

IN ONE of his most influential essays, T.S. Eliot acknowledged that *The Changeling* has all the faults of the Jacobean drama. The dialogue can be wordy; Middleton's plot is pretty absurd and the subplot, usually reckoned to have been provided by Rowley, is even worse: some happenings — a murder here, a mutilation there — pander to the punters' more sanguinary tastes. There is even one of those Bedlam scenes, complete with dancing madmen, which the bearbaiting classes found so hard to resist. Yet Eliot thought the play great. "More than any tragedy except those of Shakespeare," he declared, "it has a profound and permanent moral value and horror."

After seeing the Royal Shakespeare Company's latest revival of *The Changeling*, I can't see anybody quarrelling too strenuously with that finding. If anything, Eliot's attack on the play's "tedious discourse" and "Italianate horrors" seems exaggerated. Michael Attenborough's cast take the verse at quite a clip; and, if that does not always maximise the sense, at least it minimises the longueurs. There are no lurid or gloating stage effects, thanks largely to Julian McGowan's simple set, a yellow-brick wall from which a few brass reptiles and one overblown crucifix obtrude in mildly symbolic style. And the dramatic centre holds, as Eliot promised and prophesied.

This involves Joanna, betrothed to Alonzo but in love with Alsemero. How should she resolve her emotional quandary? Well, this is Spain, a suspect place to Jacobean playwrights, and especially so to Middleton, whose *Game of Chess* was banned after its ambassador objected to some of his satire. Joanna turns to De Flores, a family retainer whom she finds as disgusting as he finds her attractive. He kills Alonzo, only to blackmail her into becoming his sexual slave.

The effect is of an Iberian *Macbeth*, seen mainly from the woman's stance. The unimaginative brat, for whom murder is in the fly-swatting category, suddenly finds herself "the deed's creature". The outrage she feels at being forced to sacrifice the honour and modesty she still thinks she possesses is striking enough; but Middleton and Cheryl Campbell, who plays the part at the Pit, push the psychological profile further. Right from the start there's a fascination in Joanna's revulsion. By the end, she is glorying in De Flores, calling him "a man worth loving" and generally giving the impression she has slummed her way to the sort of dark ecstasy Freud is supposed to have discovered.

To be honest, all the alchemical efforts of some fine actors, Jeffery Dench and Michael Siberry among them, cannot bring much glitter to the supporting characters. The best to be said for the subplot, in which two noblemen camouflage themselves as maniacs in order to seduce the mad-doctor's wife, is that a lesser cast might make it even more irritating. What matter are the principals: Campbell's Joanna, an emotional lightweight who ends up looking and sounding as if she has gone 15 rounds at heavyweight level; Malcolm Storry's De Flores, who compensates for his less than offputting looks (a couple of blackberry-coloured birthmarks, no more) by suggesting a deeper disfigurement within. He cannot be in the same room without mentally ingesting her, top to toe, and she cannot be near him without enjoying his cannibalism. Nearly 400 years after its creation, their sick symbiosis still has the power to appal.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

As though you will never get to heaven

Himself
Nuffield, Southampton

TELEVANGELISTS are an easy target and no opportunity to puncture their pretensions should ever be passed by. That said, most playwrights who fix on them for a subject, or on charismatic preachers in general, lead up to the revelation that there are feet of clay beneath the flowing robes.

Nowadays, that is stale news. Of more concern to us is the danger to liberty that these celebrities represent, assuring the gullible that a return to something called "family values" will solve the problems of the world. In other words, women should stay at home, just as Hitler told them to.

Brian Phelan's play avoids the clay feet cliché, though his evangelist (played by Timothy West with his voice at its most sincere and persuasive) does have clay patches in among his brains. And the plot eventually arrives at a point where the political figure behind the mission shows his hand — and in case we do not get the message that his policies are intolerant, he rounds off the evening with a sinister laugh, just like a Demon King too clever for any Good Fairy.

The trouble is that Phelan's play begins well enough, with West's Chris Cameron settling into his new calling as he travels America on a whistle-stop tour; but in the second half, which never moves from a luxurious suite attached to a television station, the action languishes among the cushions until almost the very end. The characters go on churning out the same old topics of sincerity and dollars, and it quickly becomes clear that these discussions are getting us nowhere, slowly.

Cameron is an Irish actor-manager of an out-dated tradition who can no longer even tour village halls in Kerry. But his voice and presence are terrific, and he is persuaded to become the figure-head of a mysterious evangelical movement. "I am an act-or," he protests. Comes the answer, "Then act for God".

Taking on the job just as he would accept a theatrical role, he finds himself gradually persuaded of its potential for doing real good. Yet the writing hardly explores this delusion, nor explains why he lets himself become the pliant tool of his handlers. It is left to his wife (Susan Engel), who has little to do but tap her foot, express doubts and sip stout, to compress Cameron's situation in the neatest line of the evening: "I came, I didn't see, so I was conquered."

West is an actor always worth watching when he engages with moral predicaments, whether grabbing hold of them like a heavyweight terrier or blanking his expression to prevent them unsettling him. Unfortunately this role, as written, does not allow him to sustain either of these attitudes for long.

The supporting actors take what chances they can, and Jud Meyers makes a decent stab at a naively honest believer. But the characters are two-dimensional, and so is Paul Unwin's direction, which typically arranges people in a line across the stage. Far too often, I found myself counting the stars on the backdrop, or the panels on the walls: always a bad sign.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Lost in extra time

Studs
Tricycle, Kilburn

SPORT on television bores me to tears. *Match of the Day* has me running a mile. Still, soccer on the stage is a whole different ball game. Eleven men rush towards the audience, freeze then run on the spot until the floor thunders. They leap for imaginary headers, making the audience play an impossible game of *Spot the Ball*. They shout in unison and spin 180 degrees in mid-air, sweat spraying into the wings. Team sport starts to look more like a tribal dance and an army manoeuvre in one. The theatre is suddenly alive and kicking.

Studs, performed by the Dublin company, The Passion Machine, is a story of a decidedly unprofessional Irish football team pulling their socks up. The Rovers are in the nth division because they are themselves internally divided. Their changing-room is a battleground of bullying and one-upmanship. Nobody wants to pass the ball during the match, but everyone is keen to pass the buck afterwards. They are on the verge of an en-masse boxing match when the mysterious Walter Keegan walks in and offers to be their manager.

As played by the excellent Eamonn Hunt he looks like a nobody — a small man with a large moustache and a shabby mac. But the word spreads that he was once a star player who fouled up and he galvanises the Rovers into going for gold.

To reveal the final state of play would be to spoil the suspense generated concerning both the match results and Keegan's identity, a suspense helped by John Dunne's surprising, fluid piano score and Tony Wakefield's slick atmospheric lighting. Theatrically speaking, though, *Studs* is a victory followed by a defeat. Someone should have blown the final whistle at half-time when the going was really good. Three hours and four games is too much even for a fan, surely.

The play does explore male interaction and there are arresting shifts from very funny comedy into serious violence or vulnerability. However, there is too much time spent on farcically running the gamut of the whole football experience. The high energy levels are breathtaking at first, but can leave you winded, and the rattling pace of delivery causes difficulties in understanding.

Paul Mercier's directing is stronger than his writing, but both have style and punch. The staging is admirably simple and the choreography joyously dynamic. The cast are inventive, funny and individuate their characters beautifully, from the tiny but tough Paul Nolan (Hopper) — Ireland's answer to Ken Stott — to the hilarious, gawky Brian Doherty (Himmler). Though the play is not ultimately a winner, this team is certainly somewhere near the top of the league.

KATE BASSETT

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JAZZ/ROCK: **Clive Davis** talks to two men at the cutting edge of jazz revivalism; plus World Party in concert

Songs for lovers of swing

Harry Connick Jr returns to Britain next week, so we can expect yet another outbreak of media talk about brilliantine and tuxedos. Descriptions such as "heart throb" will be *bouncing* around again, and it won't be long before the gossip columns remind us that the boy wonder from New Orleans is engaged to be married to one of America's top lingerie models.

More than 15 million of his albums have been sold around the world. Teenage girls scream from the balcony when he walks on-stage; grandmothers rattle their pearls. Still only in his mid-twenties he is already close to superstardom. No wonder so many jazz lovers seem to loathe him.

We expect our heroes to be solitary, haunted figures who seldom venture out of the gloom and cigarette haze of the clubs. If they are addicted to drugs or booze, so much the better — an early death always helps a musician's reputation. Connick, on the other hand, is simply too good to be true. He is tall, white and handsome. He doesn't drink or smoke. He is a practising Christian, and he writes melodic, occasionally schmaltzy, songs about young lovers.

The cynics would have us believe that he is just a pretty face who can do a reasonable impersonation of Frank Sinatra. But the truth is that he possesses a rare combination of gifts as a singer, pianist, songwriter and arranger. Above all, he is a remarkable live performer who treats the biggest concert halls as if they were an intimate New York saloon.

He is a symbol of what is surely an encouraging phenomenon — young musicians turning to the past for guidance and inspiration. Jazz has developed at such a frantic pace that there has been an assumption that the only music worth making is tomorrow's music. Today, when there appear to be fewer new paths to be explored, and the avant-garde has been jumping through the same hoops for a quarter of a century, there is much to be gained from exploring old forms.

The new wave of revivalists includes the tenor saxophonists Scott Hamilton and Harry Allen, the reeds player Ken Peplowski and the guitarist Howard Alden. Vocalists such as Connick are a much rarer species, but London audiences can catch another of the new American performers, John Pizzarelli, this week during his trio's residency in The Music Room at Pizza On The Park.

> 'A lot of jazz musicians deny the importance of the audience'

Once his visit is over Pizzarelli will move on to Germany to play a series of support sets for Frank Sinatra. A fine jazz guitarist (like his father, the top New York player Bucky Pizzarelli) he has been given the full big band treatment on his two latest albums. The current release, *Naturally* (Novus 01241-63151-2) is an engaging mixture of standards and original tunes written in the style of, say, Count Basie or the guitarist Charlie Christian.

Although he is not so imposing a singer — his delivery tends to be reedy and uninflected — Pizzarelli is being marketed, understandably, as a rival to Connick. His prime inspiration as a vocalist, however, is Nat King Cole. In terms of big bands his model is Sinatra's Capitol recordings of the 1950s.

"I'm always straining to get the sound of an album like *Songs For Swinging Lovers*," he says. "It sounds like the band is there in the room. There's a depth to it. When the band kicks, it really moves. Ultimately I'd like to do more arranging. I'd like to develop my own sound in swing jazz. People tend to think it's finite, but I'd like to find a set of instruments that work together."

As for Connick, the juggernaut rolls on. Just months after the release of *25*, the atmospheric piano-and-vocals disc (the title refers to his age), his record company is already about to issue *Forever For Now*, a compilation album, while a video of his recent 15-night residency at New York's Paramount Theatre will be out in September.

So here he is, drawing a huge following largely made up of people who would probably never dream of buying a jazz record. Most of them, of course, come to hear the crooning, but Connick believes it is important to smuggle in more demanding fare. *25*, for example, opens with a shimmering, Sinatra-esque rendition of "Stardust", but moves on to versions of John Coltrane's "Moment's Notice" and Duke Ellington's "Caravan".

There is the risk, of course, that the audience will be turned off by the instrumentals. During his last visit to the Albert Hall two years ago, a long opening piece of small-group improvisation clearly left many of his listeners baffled. This what not what they had expected to hear. The applause was polite but far from rapturous.

"Yes, sometimes you lose them," Connick says. "Sometimes you've got to push them and give them the things you feel are important, as well as the things they expect. If you give them "It Had To Be You" all night, it'll be boring for both parties. I'm a musician, I play the piano and I write charts. I know a lot of the audience are not totally familiar with the music, but that's the point, isn't it?"

In spite of the record company hype, he is realistic about his place in the scheme of things. As a musician he is still learning as he goes along. And if some sections of the media are more interested in emphasising the image than the music, so be it.

"If some 13-year-old girl wants to hear a matinee idol, and she hears some chords on the piano that she wouldn't have heard before, that's great," he says. "No matter how or why they come to the show, once they're inside, I'll take it from there. But to get them inside it takes a lot of talk about matinee idols or the clothes I wear."

In other words, you have to play the game? "It *is* a game. I'm certainly aware of that, and I'm ready to play. I think a lot of jazz musicians deny the importance of the audience and carry this terribly bitter feeling around with them for the rest of their lives because they're not popular. Some of the greatest musicians I've heard — Louis Armstrong, for example — have been wonderful to the audience. So I've got no problem with that."

● *The John Pizzarelli Trio will be at Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, SW1, until Saturday. Harry Connick Jr's tour opens at the Edinburgh Playhouse on Monday. He plays the Albert Hall from June 7-9.*





Good-looking, so refined: guitarist John Pizzarelli (left) and all-rounder Harry Connick Jr bring jazz to a new and younger audience

Global warming

World Party
The Forum, NW1

BEHIND Karl Wallinger's nervy, slightly hyped-up exterior there beats the heart of a total pop obsessive. Thanks to a career that has included spells as resident songsmith for a publishing house, musical director of *The Rocky Horror Show* and membership of *the mystically inclined Waterboys*, he has absorbed influences ranging from high-octane Tin Pan Alley to Celtic *Spinal Tap*.

Given his fixation with the Beatles and the seeming compulsion to recycle every discernible genre of rock, soul and funk in his own work, one might expect World Party to be the ultimate in self-consciously clever rock bands. But as a dazzling third album, *Bang*, proved recently, Wallinger's music is far more than just the sum of its *many parts: its 12 tracks fizz with* an energy and originality all too rare in grown-up pop.

Although the bespectacled, pony-tailed 35-year-old lacks the physical swagger to be a conventionally preening front man, he is far from a shrinking violet. Rather than hide behind his influences, he has established a strong personality for World Party by bonding these with a strong and sometimes audacious lyrical voice. Social and ecological themes have been ten-a-penny in pop these past 20 years, but Wallinger regularly sails past the rocks of pretension and cliché that continue to shipwreck so many.

Here, moving from 1986's "The Ballad Of The Little Man" to the new and hyperactive "Give It All Away", his idiosyncratic writing made a series of sharp points, yet remained a mercifully bombast-free zone. Similarly, recent and more personally motivated songs such as "Sooner Or Later" or the swooning "Hollywood" sparkled with intelligence and sly humour.

If there was to be a problem with the rare World Party live experience, one might expect it to be lack of visual stimulus. Wallinger — playing here with a five-man line-up that included his regular collaborators Dave Catlin-Birch and Chris Sharrock — anticipated that with a virtuoso lighting show and, towards the end, an Amazonian dancing girl, but that was gilding the lily. The victory was already his.

ALAN JACKSON

OPERA: New works previewed; plus *Macbeth* and Shostakovich

Fresh from the Garden

Hilary Finch reports on the six mini-operas being premiered in *London this weekend*

An opera is born, or at least conceived: "Wilf sat us in a circle. First you write down the name of an inanimate object that you see around you — an anglepoise lamp, Susannah's shark-tooth necklace, whatever. Then you pass the paper to the left and write an untruth about the object which is on your piece of paper. And so on, eight times. It made the most riveting poem! I took them all away with me."

This is the sort of thing that goes on at Dartington International Summer School, under the auspices of the Royal Opera's Garden Venture. It is, of course, in the interest of any opera house to see that opera — or something like it — continues to be written. Wilf is Wilfred Judd and, under his artistic direction, the Garden Venture has been offering courses and commissions for the creation and performance of new opera since 1988. Six new works are about to bloom in the Riverside Studios.

Consider how just one was put together. *Travels in the Arctic Circle* has brought Royal College graduate, *Jesus Christ Superstar* conductor and Bee Gees music director, Geoff Westley, back to the fold of classical composition. His game of consequences at Dartington has led to the creation of a surreal piece of music theatre involving four singers, two violas, two cellos, piano and percussion, and lasting just about half an hour. Westley insists that it *is* real opera, because he makes a clear distinction between recitative and aria, and, moreover, uses tunes which last longer than two bars and return three or four times.

But opera, and the Garden Venture, is just as much about librettists; and its effect on the lives and careers of young writers is not to be underestimated. Edward Kemp, librettist of *Travels*, is a staff director at the Royal National Theatre, and author of three prize-winning plays: *The Iron and the Oak*, *Counterparts* and *A Proper Place*. Given the fact that the more literary a text, the less it stands any chance of surviving unmauled when confronted with music, what was in the project for him?

"As both writer and director, I've never liked directing my own work," says Kemp. "Opera, though, has enabled a marriage of the two." The words, he feels, are distanced by their musical setting and return to him transformed. "I write a lot through the process of editing. And in opera, you always need far fewer words than you think." Kemp delights in the time-honoured operatic convention of being able to set diverse words, even questions and answers, simultaneously (think of any Mozart ensemble, better still a Mozart finale) and, as it were, fold them back on each other for maximum dramatic and emotional effect.

"It is wonderful to have that technique — something for which I had been striving in my own plays — released. It has also led into an area of theatre where I had always wanted to go as a director: an imagist style of direction *à la* Robert Lepage. I am now writing straight theatre pieces with a sense of danger I never had before my involvement with opera."

Westley had the idea of a man voyaging alone in the Atlantic. Kemp took it north, up to a "cold, white, neutral area of serene tension". The structure of Inuit folk-tales, the sound patterns of the Sami language, further fertilised his imagination; the aurora borealis provided a physical and metaphysical goal.

Kemp has also found himself part of a new opera company called TROG, made up of those involved in last year's Garden Venture. They have just received an invitation to the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival in November. Travelling north could become a habit.

● The Garden Venture: six new operas *runs from tomorrow to June 5 at Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354)*

MARTIN BEDDALL



Let's make an opera: the composer Geoff Westley (left) with his librettist, Edward Kemp

CONCERT

Twice a winner

PATCHING half a string quartet recital onto half an orchestral concert is not generally recommended in the textbooks. Yet it worked like a dream in this Festival Hall concert, probably because of the superb performances. The **Borodin Quartet** played Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" with an epic vision that veered towards the orchestral in its ambition. Then **Bernard Haitink** and the **London Philharmonic** found so intense a vein of emotion in the "Great C Major" Symphony that the music, for all its rampaging power, seemed as charged with personal feeling as any chamber work.

Thus, Schubert stood revealed in all his infinite ambiguity. Even in triumph, as the "Great C Major" galloped towards its blazing conclusion, Haitink found darkness. There were audacious variations in pace; untamed crescendos (notably the wild cry which preceded the catastrophic silence in the slow movement); pitch-black sonorities. And there were moments when the sound dropped away into an eerie void, from which a single woodwind would muster a plaintive tune like an SOS from a lost soul.

By the end, the victory was absolute, and thrillingly conveyed. But that affirmation came only after Haitink had probed the jaws of defeat, spurned convention, taken risks, and discovered Beethoven-like tensions in music that is usually seen as exuding uncomplicated joy.

His audacity was matched by the Borodin Quartet's. "Death and the Maiden" should convey conflicting emotions: the horror of being swept up in a dance of death, but also the allure of the grave as a release from mortal toil. The Borodins took a few minutes to get their intonation sorted out, but then captured this duality in masterly fashion.

Their playing of the quick movements was tense, urgent, driven by demons, and complemented by startling changes of timbre. None was more effective than a vibratoless, hollow sound which brought to mind Thomas Hardy's extraordinary line: "the deadest thing alive enough to have strength to die".

But in the slow-movement variations a marvellous flowering of tonal beauty suggested death as the great seducer. Some artists rage against the dying of the light; others find solace in the gathering gloom. Only the greatest can hold these opposing views of mortality unreconciled within a single work.

RICHARD MORRISON

Green and bloody

Macbeth
Coliseum

THE Pountney/Lazaridis "green blood" *Macbeth* is as much an icon of English National Opera's recent production style as the Alden/Fielding "chainsaw" *Mazeppa*. It would be easy to make fun of it, and doubtless some will, but Verdi's score is painted with broad strokes and David Pountney's equally broad theatrical gestures suit it well: the precipitately headlong entrance of the chorus after the murder of Duncan, not to mention the sound they make, is one of the London theatre's great moments.

There is also an all-pervading aura of creepiness, in the perverse communion service of the Banquet Scene, the assassins in drag, and the black mass devised by Ian Spink for the traditionally cut ballet sequence. As for Pountney's suburban witches in their floral prints, Crimplene skirts, pudding-basin hats and uncertainty of gender, I don't know what they do to Macbeth, but by God they frighten me.

Seeing the production again reminds one just why audiences responded so enthusiastically on the company's tour to the Soviet Union in 1990. They understood the imagery. And it wears well.

With Mark Elder in the pit, this revival is musically formidable. Again, broad strokes: the sheer ferocity of the fortissimo brass entry in the Prelude made me jump two feet in the air, the lilt of the witches' music — some of it a little fast? — sets the feet tapping in its own sinister way, and the only problem with the big, fat early-Verdi sound from the orchestra is that the words, especially the chorus's words, are covered too often. But in general the standard of audibility is far higher than when the production was new three years ago.

Malcolm Donnelly sings the title role for the first time at the Coliseum. The scale of his heroic baritone is ideal, but a certain unsteadiness can compromise breadth of musical line. He really sings words, though — for which much thanks. Kristine Ciesinski returns as Lady Macbeth, infinitely more at ease vocally than last time, fearless in her attack (once descended from her bed-perch 15 feet in the air) and, as with Donnelly, the sheer spirit of her performance easily outweighs the odd vocal untidiness. Her Sleepwalking Scene is a riveting *tour de force*.



Kristine Ciesinski: fearless in her attack as Lady Macbeth

Gwynne Howell joins the cast as an authoritative Banquo, and there is a most auspicious debut as Macduff by the young tenor John Hudson, who has just joined the company and will sing Rodolfo early next season. His tone is brightly coloured with a real Italianate ring to it, he is a natural stylist and his delivery at the top sounds fresh and easy. This hugely promising talent must be nurtured with the utmost care.

RODNEY MILNES

How many Russians does it take to change a leitmotiv?

Moscow Chamber Opera
Roedean Theatre, Brighton

MOSCOW Chamber Opera, making its British debut at the Brighton Festival, turns out to be a troupe of lively actor-singers, rather in the style of Opera Factory or Stockholm's Folk Opera. Their pioneering work is, both literally and metaphorically, at last rising from underground: new premises in Moscow and extensive European touring is deservedly bringing their discoveries to a wider audience.

One such discovery was Shostakovich's unfinished opera *The Gamblers*, unstaged until MCO produced it (in a score edited by Gennadi Rozhdestvensky) three years ago. The company brought it to Roedean's hallowed halls, artfully extended by the tacking-on of yet another of their finds: the satirical cantata *Antiformalistic Gallery*. This necessarily crude and acerbic mockery — of Stalin's clampdown on any form of abstraction in music — was kept hidden until 1989, when Shostakovich's widow revealed its existence.

The two pieces married well in Boris Pokrovsky's deft productions, and despite the fact that the latter was never intended for performance. Shostakovich abandoned his somewhat laboured, word-for-word Gogol setting after 50 minutes' worth of music, partly because he found it unmanageable, and partly because he knew its humour would be lost on the powers-that-be. It was lost on me, too. For a non-Russian speaker, the incessant strutting and railing of four frock-coated card-sharpers and balalaika songs of two peasants, accompanied by paint-by-numbers Shostakovich, soon wears thin.

It was something of a relief, then, when the aisles were suddenly filled with a motley crowd of clamouring Soviet officials arriving to confiscate the "formalist" music. *Antiformalistic Gallery* was immediately accessible and perfectly comprehensible — even to me. In Boris Tishchenko's orchestration, the excellent band, conducted again by Anatoly Levin, plodded and oom-pah-pah'd its way through the chairman's brain-dead speeches (music must be heroic, optimist, melodious, entertaining), accompanied a Stalin-with-wings in his favourite song, and saluted with the prim Young Pioneer. And in the gallery, twitching and taking it all in, was the young Shostakovich himself, finally dancing a tortured *troika* in chains.

Stravinsky's own suffering, when in exile, was alleviated by steeping himself in Russian folk poems. One of these, *Renard*, was made into a mute, semi-acrobatic burlesque, and the MCO performed it after the interval. Contrary to custom, the actors sung their own parts: generally the singers perform from the pit. Yet Stravinsky's desire for distance between voice and character was achieved by a neat masking and unmasking in Mikhail Kislyarov's witty, tumbling production.

HILARY FINCH

Did tsars become commissars?

Norman Stone, comparing two new books on Stalin and Nicholas II, asks whether Orthodox Christianity is conducive to liberty



Joseph Stalin: can "industrialisation" be detached from his political monstrosities?



Nicholas II: the centre could not hold in a system which depended entirely on him

David Irving is photographed, being expelled in handcuffs, from Canada. He faces fines if he is discovered in Germany. His crime: he has questioned this or that fact about the Holocaust, and that is against the law in various countries. J. Arch Getty is professor of history at the University of California, Riverside, and director of the Center for the Study of Russia and the Soviet Union. His title-deed for this grandeur: a book saying that Stalin's Terror was fairly minor. Getty on the Great Terror thinks that thousands — rather than millions — were executed. We know nowadays that "millions" is right, and Robert Conquest calls Getty's work "perhaps the most ludicrous book on the history of the Stalin period ever published".

Getty has been given house-room again, in a very respectable place. Alec Nove has put together some essays on Stalin in which people, by and large sympathetic to the Bolshevik Revolution, have been invited to take stock of what has happened to it. Nove himself has a high reputation, even among people who disagree with him: his *Economic History of the USSR* is one of remarkably few really good books on the subject. He deals, here, with a good question, to which he has returned again and again: whether Stalin was a moderniser, breaking eggs and making omelettes. Another collaborator in this volume, R. W. Davies, discusses "Economic aspects of Stalinism" — again a very learned man, rather nostalgic for the days when you could seriously talk about economic planning without being laughed at. Sergo Mikoyan describes life in Stalin's Kremlin — his own father being a remarkable survivor of that place — and Sheila Fitzpatrick writes about the revolutionary upsurges that swept Stalin along, right into the 1930s.

The question asked is: were the people somehow responsible for Stalinism, or was it (as Mikoyan really means) just a matter of the wickedness of a few men? I do not really see how that question can be answered, given the all-encompassing censorship and terror, but there is an academic industry, requiring students to de-construct the myriads of lies that the Stalin regime produced. It is really quite interesting that Anglo-Americans, in the main, will "put Stalinism into perspective", whereas you cannot find Russians to do so. To them, J. Arch Getty's words are just a buzzing in the ears: to him, they are "journalists", and a Solzhenitsyn is biased. No more needs to be said.

Where did Stalin come from? Is there something in the Russian tradition that lends itself to tyranny? Here, Dominic Lieven's outstanding book on the last tsar needs to be read. He knows the sources very well, and can worm his way into that strange court: the naive, well-meaning Nicholas II, whose luck, from early on, was so miserable that he should have had the good sense to renounce the throne at once; that tiresome, prissy German wife; the awful business of the haemophiliac little boy, endlessly dragged around by his doting father.

Lieven shows very well how, in the Russian system, everything depended upon the tsar. And there was a hole in the middle of the Russian system, as a weak, irresolute Nicholas II twisted and turned between this course and that — in the end, weakening the two exponents of

THE STALIN PHENOMENON
Edited by Alec Nove
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £25

NICHOLAS II
Emperor of all the Russias
By Dominic Lieven
John Murray, £19.99

"Thorough", Witte and Stolypin. Lieven's book is a very readable and useful account of the politics of tsarist Russia, internal and external, before 1914. It goes easily together with a much bigger book, Solzhenitsyn's multi-volume *Red Wheel*, which is a day-by-day account of the March Revolution, as seen through the eyes of various characters. Nicholas II, never quite nerving himself to put down the rioting crowds who started the Revolution, is at its centre, and it is as well to read Lieven first, as a guiding line through Solzhenitsyn's vast architecture.

Was there some link between tsarist and Stalinist tyranny? On one level the question is silly: comparing a sausage and a rose, as Orwell said. The tsarist police-force was tiny, and the penal code was the most generous in Europe (more people were executed in England than in Russia before 1900). The censorship was a nuisance and not much more, and in the last fifty years of tsarist Russia, the country was booming. Blaming Stalin — the outcome after all of a foreign doctrine — on tsarism is absurd.

On another level, it is maybe not so absurd. In central Europe today there is a very clear divide, with few exceptions: in the Orthodox world, ex-communists still operate regimes that are *not* democratic at all, whereas in the non-Orthodox world, parliamentary democracy seems to be doing quite well. Alain Besançon had a go at interpreting these matters in his *Soloviev et Orwell* — an interesting essay that examines the Manichaeanism, the Us-and-Them element inherent in Orthodoxy, and the *gnose provincialisée* that he sees as the root of communism.

Master of all briefs

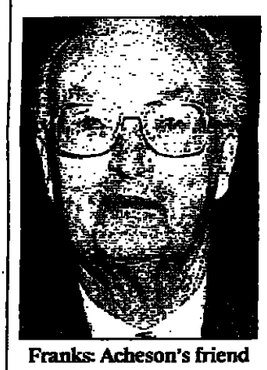
D. C. Watt

OLIVER FRANKS
Founding Father
By Alex Danchev
Oxford: Clarendon Press, £25

At least twice in this century British policy-makers anxious to re-establish the "Special Relationship" have wrongly second-guessed the outcome of a presidential election when appointing a new British ambassador. Theodore Roosevelt's great friend, Cecil Spring-Rice, was sent in 1912, only to find Woodrow Wilson the new president; an experience repeated by the unfortunate John Freeman, Hubert Humphrey's buddy, appointed in 1968 only to find himself the object of Richard Nixon's unctuously self-indulgent magnanimity. But with Oliver Franks the British got it right, as Alex Danchev's book shows.

The keys to Franks's success are two in number. The first is that the competitive court politics which surrounds the presidents of the United States and their advisers make it easy for them to find relief from the strain in a personal confidante who is outside the game of American politics: a "house friend" in Danchev's coinage. Even John Freeman came to play house friend to Henry Kissinger. Oliver Franks played it to Dean Acheson.

It was Acheson, Truman's Secretary of State, who proposed to Franks when they first met to "talk regularly and in complete personal confidence about any international problems we saw arising and to stick to this proposition through thick and thin". This relationship covered the crucial years 1948-52: the years which saw the Marshall Plan translated from Marshall's rhetoric into European reality, the years of Nato's foundation and subsequent reform, the years of the Korean war and of



Franks: Acheson's friend

German rearmament. Franks was one of the "five wise men" who breathed life into Marshall's proposals — an experience so stressful that its successful conclusion reduced Franks to an hour's silent weeping from which only a friend could rescue him.

The irony in Professor Danchev's story is that to outsiders Oliver Franks was Establishment Man (old model) par excellence. His father was a non-conformist theologian, his faith a mixture of primitive methodism and Quaker practice, but nonetheless very deep. A grammar school boy, he won a scholarship to Oxford, where he was almost immediately dubbed "Father Franks", was tutored in philosophy by the young Gilbert Ryle and in 1937 was appointed professor of moral philosophy in Glasgow. But the second world war pushed him into the new ministry of supply. By 1945 the temporary wartime recruit had become permanent under-secretary, and the civil service lay at his feet. From there to the Washington embassy was an obvious step.

It would be easy to see him as a swot, a prig, and a workaholic seeker after power. Inner-directed nonconformist educated men of his generation were pre-conditioned that way. His long afterlife — he left Washington in 1952 — was spent as head of Worcester College, chairman of Lloyds Bank, of a major insurance company, of the committee of clearing bankers and of numerous government inquisitions, ending with the Falklands inquiry. He turned down the Bank of England after much soul-searching.

To make him a *mensch* is not easy: it is not clear that Danchev has entirely succeeded. But he has made Franks the extraordinary public servant he was.

Lefty Limey makes good

Peter Stothard

FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT
Essays and Minority Reports
By Christopher Hitchens
Verso, £19.95

This book will bring happiness to few who are named in its pages. Only a voodoo doll would enjoy the attention of Christopher Hitchens, journalism's master of the rhetorical needle, the moral pin and the rationalist's short stubby blade.

Most victims of "For the Sake of Argument" — from Michael Meacher to Henry Kissinger, Conrad Black to Neil Kinnock, P. J. O'Rourke to Diane Sawyer — will have already read Hitchens's verdict upon them. This is a volume of collected writings: bad news has a way of reaching its subject from even the most obscure places of original publication.

But for other readers this book will be a peculiar refreshment. One does not have to share the views of Hitchens — a boyish veteran of the British left who now lives in Washington — to take pleasure in his words.

Take the case of Mother Teresa: most supporters of the Californian presidential candidate Jerry Brown (and there were few stronger supporters in the press than Hitchens) agreed that their champion's infatuation with the saint of east India was just another noble part of his nature. But for the author of "Ghoul of Calcutta" (reprinted here from *The Nation*, April 1992), the dear old lady is "a dangerous sinister person who properly belongs in the caboose of the Pat Buchanan baggage train". Drop "the hell bat" over the side, he advises his hero.

Take Henry Kissinger's biographer Walter Isaacson, who is "one of the best magazine journalists in America", the author concedes. "But he moves in a world where the worst that is often said of some near-genocidal policy is that it sends the wrong signal."

Then there are the laments for the lost ideals of the Tom Driberg era in Britain: "these days if an MP can be said to have 'outside interests' at all they usually turn out to be in property speculation". And he much enjoys baiting the conservative humorist P. J. O'Rourke, whose "essentially schmaltzy nature keeps peeping blearily through like a winking horsethief at some ghastly Irish fair".

This is all good stuff. I would cheerfully opine in return that each of the above views is erroneous — and some others are worse. But the pleasure somehow seems all the greater for that. Hitchens makes P. J. O'Rourke all the funnier by arguing, twice in this book, that he is "Not Funny Enough". It is a rare gift.

The collection has the usual low points that mar all books of this kind. The lure of hardcovers catches the sparrows as well as the doves in any journalist's collection. The high points include both literary criticism (a feisty analysis of Don DeLillo's *Libra* with which the book begins) and contemporary political analysis, the author's very personal version of Bill Clinton.

A year ago, while Washington's massed brigades of the centre-left were marshalling behind the first Democrat president they had a chance to get elected since Jimmy Carter, Hitchens was needling and knifing like a lepidopterist. In "The Clemency of Clinton" (March 1992), he pins the soon-to-be president beautifully between his alleged mistress Gennifer Flowers ("Bertie Wooster's Aunt Dahlia once warned him sternly against having anything to do with girls who spelled ordinary names in extraordinary ways"), and the lobotomised murderer Rickey Ray Rector, whom Governor Clinton refused to grant clemency for fear that the mob of the press would turn "from the medicalized gibbet to the exposed love-nest".

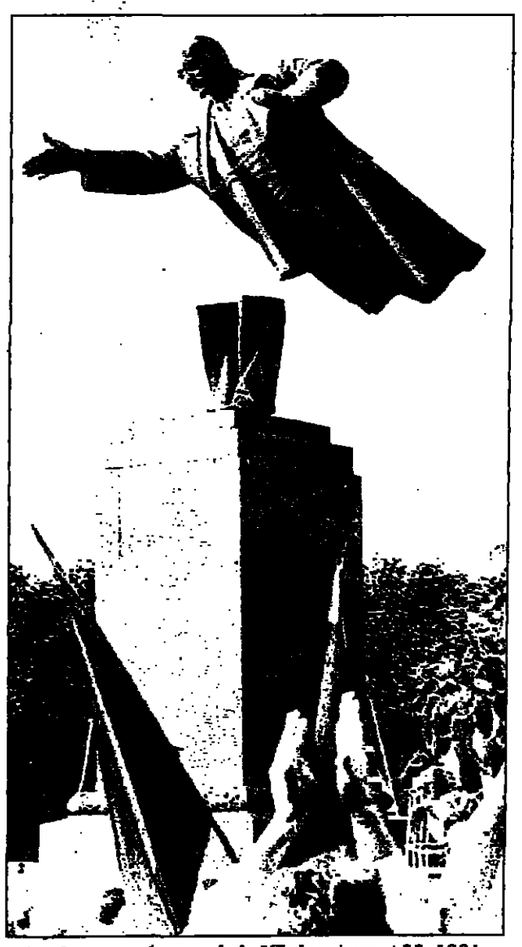
The author has become deservedly something of a British institution in the United States, ever in demand for original leftist views of the kind that America has great trouble generating for itself. His most consistent enemy is one of Washington's most consistent products, sycophancy and humbug. "A man who can write like this need never eat alone", he clucks in July 1990, quoting I. F. Stone in order to attack the treacly flattery of American conservative columnist George Will. Hitchens is a man wholly without treacle who dines alone only rarely, I believe.

The author is Editor of The Times



Christopher Hitchens

Giantkillers of the north



Lenin meets the people in Vilnius, August 23, 1991

David Pryce-Jones

THE BALTIC REVOLUTION
Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the Path to Independence
By Anatol Lieven
Yale University Press, £22.50

Like the prisoners in the last act of *Fidelio*, whole captive nations suddenly emerged from the dark of the Soviet Union into freedom and independence. After their historical experiences, were they not destined to learn the lesson that oppression does not pay, and live happily ever after? Euphoria on that score was brief. Half a dozen civil wars — as well as the horror of former Yugoslavia — suggest that experience leads only to more of the same.

Anatol Lieven's study of the Baltic states is comprehensive. Generous whenever he can be, drawing on his years as *The Times* correspondent in the region during the relevant period, Lieven is an admirable reporter. The tone is judicious, with an undertow of sympathy and sorrow. The independence of the Baltic states, he warns, has so far not been accompanied by democracy. Ethnic strife is therefore a present danger.

Clearly the perception of belonging to a victim-nation has its psychological satisfactions, and few peoples have really and truly been victimised like Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians. Caught between Germany and Russia, they might have been wiped off the map either through outright extermination or enforced assimilation. Only romantic nationalism of the nineteenth century type could rescue and foster the sense of identity needed to survive the genocidal twentieth century. Such nationalism is exclusive by definition.

Lieven describes how the coincidental weakness of both Germany and newly bolshevised Russia after the first world war allowed the Baltic states the opportunity for a highly unlikely first era of independence. The support of the western democracies, most notably in Britain, was a determining factor. Such support faded as the menace of Hitler and Stalin rose. Not a western interest, the Baltics were left to fend for themselves.

Fighting ended with the Baltic states under Soviet occupation. Somewhere between a third and a half of the populations had been murdered, deported or exiled. Few professional or wealth-producing people remained. During the 1950s, armed resistance continued, but by the 1970s only a handful of dissidents kept alive any expectation of another era of independence.

Russians of the Gorbachev generation seem to have mistaken this peace of the graveyard for an acceptance of Soviet occupation. With a few ignominious exceptions, the West refused to recognise this occupation. The Helsinki Conference in 1975 accepted that European boundaries were fixed, but even that sell-out of Munich proportions to the Soviet Union specifically did not legitimise the Baltic occupation.

After a valuable description of this historical background, Lieven has a hundred-page chapter on the independence movements or Popular Fronts which sprang up in 1988 under the umbrella of *glasnost* and *perestroika*. These succeeded brilliantly in mobilising the nation. The ability to call out huge crowds spontaneously demonstrating for their freedom shook first the local communist parties, then Moscow. A simple choice faced the communist leaders, either to use force to reimpose their will, or to change. In all three Baltic countries, the communist party split into reformers skilful enough to march with the Popular Fronts, and the hard-liners resisting to the end. This public splitting of the party was the special Baltic contribution to the demise of the Soviet Union.

The blockade of Lithuania in 1990, and localised attacks in Riga and Vilnius and elsewhere, costing perhaps fifty lives in all, were the last reflexes of the Communist monster in its death throes. But few people seem to have realised that the aspiration to live in a free nation was not an end in itself but rather the beginning of due political process. Neither tradition nor circumstances could make this process democratic. No sooner had the Popular Fronts converted themselves into presidents and parliaments and prime ministers of their own selecting, than they fragmented into a free-for-all of rival personalities and ambitions. Lieven speaks of the "sublime egotism" characterising public behaviour in the region.

It is tedious for anyone not a specialist to chart these personality clashes, but Lieven does so with mastery. He goes out of his way to recognise whatever successes there have been, and to concede that the problems of post-Communism are daunting. Instead of creating the power-sharing structures of a nation-state, Balts are granting themselves the privileges of supremacy. Non-Balts, who may be Poles, or surviving Jews, but especially Russians, are not being allowed to share on equal terms in the political process.

Something like a tenth of the Lithuanian population, a third of the Estonian population, and half the Latvian population, are Russians. Continuously shoved across the border to be Soviet factory-fodder, these Russians now find themselves in countries whose language and culture they do not share, and where the rights and citizenship recently promised to them by the Popular Fronts have not yet been granted. With no home elsewhere to go to, poor and dejected, they are fearful for the future. Few Balts perceive them as anything except colonisers, which is of course the case, although in their own way these Russians are also victims of communism.

Lieven is critical of Western governments whose sole skill is thumb-twiddling, and of the western media who deal in stereotypes. If democracy is to make independence meaningful, there will have to be western involvement. The Baltic republics should not once again be left to themselves. Future intervention by Moscow on behalf of the expatriate Russians could spell the end of the second era of Baltic independence.

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De la Mare, is there any body there?

Peter Ackroyd praises a neglected poet, whose lines everybody knows, yet whose books are long out of print

Walter de la Mare presents a rather curious case. He does not fit neatly into the pattern of literary history; he seems, as it were, to have slipped through the net. He does not belong to any particular period — he was born a Victorian (1873) and died a Modern (1957), without being unduly affected by the Eliot or Auden generations — and, with his Huguenot descent, he is of puzzling ancestry. He is not much read now, but neither is he altogether forgotten: everyone knows "The Listeners" as soon as the first line is recited, and many have commited to memory those short lines:

Oh, no man knows
Through what wild centuries
Roves back the rose.

He is, in short, something of an enigma.

His origins lay in what Theresa Whistler calls a "borderland" where, in the London suburbs of the 1870s, city and country still met. His own memories of his childhood are extraordinarily intense — some of his finest writing is in the form of prose, where he loses the occasionally faded gentility of his verse — but the early chapters of this very accomplished biography also convey the atmosphere of the late Victorian world in which he might have stifled.

He seems at first to have had very little will of his own: after an education in the choir school of St Paul's Cathedral, he spent the next 18 years working as a clerk in the Statistical Department of the Anglo-American Oil Company. As his biographer delicately puts it, "...he showed more capacity for passive endurance than enterprise." In his upstairs bedroom near Wandsworth Common he began to write, evincing almost at once that "mental energy" which Theresa Whistler justly calls the attribute of any genius. As de la Mare put it at a later date, "We fight in the solitude of the spirit, without hope of truce or respite, for self-realisation..."

At first he wrote in the glittering languorous style of Oscar Wilde and, like him, he was fascinated by the macabre or the merely curious. He had a lifelong interest in murders, for example, which need not necessarily be at odds with metaphysical speculation. This is what his biographer means when she describes his "gothic" imagination, and it explains why his poetry has a substance which that of many of his contemporaries lacked: he had inherited a vital English tradition.

But at the beginning of the 20th century he was still a struggling unknown, although now with a wife and baby to compete for his distracted attention. Somehow he managed to acquire an agent, the celebrated Pinker, and an enthusiastic editor, Henry Newbolt of the *Monthly Review*, but he found that he was only serving out his time as a clerk with no hope of relief.

Everything changed when, in 1908, he was given a government grant. He was only 35, and it is easy to quarrel with the idea of grants altogether, but there is no doubt that the money saved de la Mare from physical and mental collapse. He did not in any event rely upon the luxury of an unearned income; at once he began seriously to write, and one of the most refreshing aspects of his energetic character is the sense in which he thought of himself as a writer rather than a poet.

Theresa Whistler has composed a very intelligent and closely written biography, in which much incidental detail is suggested to confirm her sense of de la Mare's "romantic imagination". She has entitled the book "the imagination of the heart", a phrase which de la Mare himself imparted to her, and in this careful narrative she has caught the inflections of his interior life beneath the surface of his relationships with D. H. Lawrence, Lady Cynthia Asquith, Ezra Pound *et al.*

It is also a very timely book, since her subject has been neglected for simple chronological reasons. He came between two worlds — the great 19th-century novelists and poets were behind, while, a little ahead, lay the age of the Modernists. Most of the names of that interregnum — Beresford, Hodgson, Meynell, Newbolt — are now quite faded, but de la Mare should not be allowed to suffer the same crepuscular fate.

He is in certain respects a pure lyric poet like Graves or Housman, with the English ballad tradition firmly within him, but he also possessed an elusive and haunting belief in spiritual revelation. His imagination lay somewhere between Thomas Traherne and Thomas De Quincey, with a sense of transcendent spirituality touched sometimes by a more fanciful interest in ghosts, possession, and reincarnation. When his verse is shorn of its tiresome "thous" and "thines", it evinces the wonderfully morbid poetry of the English imagination.

He was not a particularly noticeable man — alert, friendly, perhaps a little timid (D. H. Lawrence thought so), and in appearance "city-clerkly".

Such people rarely aspire to fame and, as a consequence, hardly ever attain it. But there was something about his music which found an audience, and by the time he reached middle-age he had become famous. Of course he remained so for the rest of his life, but the token of the true poet lies in the fact that, like Yeats, inspiration returned to him in his old age. His last work is almost too elusive to survive but it has an extraordinary dying fall, a quality which de la Mare himself touched upon in his description of the Scythian apple which "breathes out in the deserts of Arabia a faint and soporific odour at evening to comfort the hearts of the lost." In this biography, Theresa Whistler has stretched out her hands and caught his frail spirit.

IMAGINATION OF THE HEART
The Life of Walter de la Mare
By Theresa Whistler
Duckworth, £25



Enigmatic: de la Mare



The Fall by Masolino, in the Brancacci Chapel: luminous hues exposed by cleaning

Divine twins of Tuscany

When the National Portrait Gallery approached Sir Kingsley Amis about the possibility of his sitting for a double portrait with his son, Martin, he suggested that they might be better advised to ask The Two Ronnies. The idea of being lumped together by posterity does not invariably appeal, but such a fate was almost inevitable in the case of Masaccio and Masolino. Not only did they have virtually the same name — the diminutives translate as "Big Tom" and "Little Tom" — and come from the same part of Tuscany, but they worked together on the supreme achievement of early Renaissance fresco painting, the Brancacci Chapel in the Church of the Carmine in Florence.

Sensibly, Paul Joannides has brought them together in a single book, in which chapters are devoted to one, to the other, and to both. Masolino always tends to be cast as the hind legs of this particular pantomime horse, and it is one of the merits of this study that it evens the balance without going too far the other way. It also allows one to see the true extent of Masolino's collaboration with Masaccio. Masolino was unfortunate enough to leave major works in remote spots like Empoli outside Florence and Castiglione d'Olona in Lombardy, neither of which features on the tourist round. In Rome, where he frescoed a chapel in San Clemente, losses and fading have done their worst. No work demonstrably from his years in Hungary at the court of Matthias Corvinus has survived.

David Ekserdjian

MASACCIO AND MASOLINO
A Complete Catalogue
By Paul Joannides
Phaidon, £95

The elegance of Masolino's creations, full of ethereal blond angels and pink-hued architectural fantasies, had often been thought to sit uncomfortably with Masaccio's mighty and at times unflinchingly ugly conception of the human figure. This was especially the case before the recent cleaning of the Brancacci Chapel, whose blackened walls made it look like a foretaste of the tenebrism of Caravaggio and Rembrandt. Now it has the luminous hues of an early 15th-century fresco, and it makes incomparably more historical sense.

Although Masaccio's career lasted less than a decade, or perhaps for precisely that reason, it has been much fought over by scholars. Joannides has decided to discuss these disagreements in the extended catalogue entries, and endeavoured to free the introductory essay of footnotes and intellectual clutter. The result is that this book should be read in the way most of us read the *Spectator*, namely starting with the back half, which here too is probably the best bit. This has the unfortunate consequence that the text of the essay can seem rather brief in spite of the colossal dimensions of the book as a whole. They are caused by the generous supply of colour plates, but also by the irritating design of the main text, single columns of which are stranded on great white expanses of page. This is not a cheap book: one would hate to think that this gimmickry had affected its price.

The problem with this divided arrangement of the material is in its implication that points of difference are simply unfortunate obstacles to be avoided, and that they are best relegated to the background. I know this is not what Joannides actually thinks, but that is the impression he gives. The conviction that the two heads rediscovered during the recent restoration of the Brancacci Chapel, which had been hidden for centuries by the baroque altarframe, are both by Masolino is one I share with Joannides; indeed, he argues his case cogently and convincingly, but these fascinating frescoes are not even discussed in the main body of the text. Furthermore, the critical writing, which is one of Joannides' strengths, is separated from the consideration of issues of iconography, patronage, and even chronology in a way that seems perilously artificial.

However, this book does contain almost everything one needs to know about Masaccio and Masolino, and is likely to prove a hard act to follow. It is the work of an art historian who feels no obligation to toe any party line, and who is refreshingly able to think for himself. It is typical of him to entertain the possibility that Masaccio's *Madonna* in the National Gallery, which originally formed the centrepiece of his Pisa Altarpiece, was once part of a single-panel main register, and not of a polyptych, even though the originator of this hypothesis — John Shearman — now appears to have rejected it.

Joannides suggests that the triptych Masolino and Masaccio executed for Santa Maria Maggiore originally adorned the high altar, and may be right, but if so we will be obliged to revise some of our ideas about the connection between a work's scale and the prominence of its location. Like so many others, the idea that large is not necessarily beautiful is bound to provide ample food for thought.

Search for the good German

Adelheid von der Schulenburg

SECOND SPRING
By Max Egremont
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

At a time when feelings about the Maastricht treaty are running high, it is interesting to note how few contemporary German writers of merit devote their imagination to this country. Hans Magnus Enzensberger has fine antennae for everything British. There are rumours that a young novelist, Johann Peter, who went to Oxford, is just finishing a big book about England. Whether or not German writers are provincial, or obsessed by their own past, there are few others. The list is longer on the British side: Piers Paul Read, John le Carré, Len Deighton, Francis King, Richard Hughes. With his fourth novel Max Egremont joins this band.

At the centre of *Second Spring* is a survivor of the Stauffenberg plot against Hitler in 1944. After the war, Alex von Kierich runs an international agency for Third World aid based in Washington. To his colleagues Alex is a hero; they are thrown into disarray when he resigns amidst rumours that he was involved in wartime atrocities. Whether this Good German is a hero or a false god is the question haunting his admirer and former assistant, Edward West, now in retirement in a sleepy English village.

The quest for truth is complicated by retrospective jealousy about his dead wife's involvement with von Kierich. Did they or did they not have an affair? West visits the small town in Germany where von Kierich now lives as a tourist guide. He travels with Rose, a 21-year-old student, with whom he is in love. Their journey purges his past.

Egremont scores his novel *moderato cantabile* and this is appropriate for a story which has less to do with political assassination than the assault of old age. Memoirs have replaced emotions, sexual desires should be giving way to a passion for old roses, but there is always the chance of a second spring. Here the novel becomes a skilful comedy of manners, with Egremont orchestrating a large cast of characters. He is funny about the charm and triviality of English village life, where retired ambassadors and civil servants "develop a new rivalry as each circles the other in long slow strides, probing for the first signs of senility".

If age puts a gloss on things, so does heroism. The good German may not be wholly good: goodness itself, like heroism, may be suspect. Von Kierich is an outsider to the international fraternity, which idolises him, as well as to his own country, which does not.

Idealism, in safely material Germany, is a suspect commodity. Von Kierich's character may have been inspired by the story of Count Heinrich Lehndorff, who like von Kierich grew up on a large estate in East Prussia where killing of game was part of childhood and Hindenburg came to visit. Lehndorff, however, was killed in 1944; the father of the legendary model "Veruschka", he was an unambiguously romantic hero, if ever there was one.

The appeal of this book lies with its melancholy: a hero who is not heroic, a second spring with no honeymoon, a quest without completion. It is a most accomplished novel and Egremont's best.

Illuminating an age of innocence in art

Open this volume, spanning four centuries of pictorial art, and be ready for a surprise: none of the magnificent illustrations will be familiar. Why is this? The early middle ages is a period almost unknown except to experts.

There is also another, more practical reason for modern ignorance. We are used to seeing pictures which hang independently: but the early middle ages produced almost no portable, independent paintings. Many churches of the time had wall paintings, but few remain. Various embroideries survive, some wonderful stained glass and, especially in Rome, some mosaics. But the great repositories of early medieval pictorial art are the libraries of Europe, for it is in illuminated manuscripts that the painting of the time can still be seen in its full splendour. Manuscripts are difficult to display and, until recently, only the scholar has been able to study their illuminations closely.

Now modern technology has come to the rescue. Since they are flat in surface and often small, manuscript paintings are almost perfectly represented by high-quality colour photographs. Readers of Dodwell's book can gaze at masterpieces brought before their eyes with remarkable immediacy and precision.

They will be struck, not merely by their virtuosity, but by their variety in style and expressive range. In about 800, probably on Iona, Irish monks produced the Book of Kells, with its marvellously elaborate and yet vigorous interlaced decorations, mainly geometrical but enlivened with human and animal pictures, vivid yet subtle in their colouring. At much the same time, the scribes of Charlemagne's school were making refined, classicising illuminations, naturalistic in perspective. Quite different from either of these is a Cologne manuscript from c. 1000-1020 where, as Dodwell puts it, a "very individual emotional and agitated quality extends even to inanimate objects". Different again is the hieratic splendour of Henry the Lion's Gospels, from late 12th-century Saxony, or the elegant but playful work of the 12th-century English masters.

John Marenbon

THE PICTORIAL ARTS OF THE WEST, 800-1200
By C. R. Dodwell
Yale University Press, £50

Dodwell is diligent in explaining the iconography of the pictures, but his particular enthusiasm is for stylistic criticism. He uses stylistic analysis to discern the different schools of painting and their relationships, and as the basis for a more general theory of painting in the early middle ages.

According to Dodwell, pictorial art in the period evolves slowly towards the Romanesque, an abstract style, unconcerned with "accidental externals" and preoccupied with "capturing the spiritual and emotional forces behind reality". This is an eloquent description, but does it allow for the diversity of styles at every stage of the period, or for the mixture of abstraction and realism which characterises *all* medieval painting? More important, is stylistic analysis the best tool for understanding medieval pictures?

Medieval pictures consist, for the most part, of decorations to churches or to manuscripts. Although responsive to beauty, people in the middle ages had no concept of art in the modern sense. The term "pictorial art" picks out a set of artefacts and isolates them from their setting.

This setting was, first, a physical one. Wall paintings and stained glass were just one aspect of a decorative scheme, which would also include carving and statuary, and the architecture of the church building. Illuminations were a single element in the adornment of a manuscript, to be taken along with the calligraphy and the binding.

But the setting was also intellectual and cultural. None of the pictures from the early middle ages was made to be an independent work of art, removed from its function in worship, learning or ceremonial, and admired just for its style and expressive qualities. About each work, then, it should be asked: by whom was it to be seen and for what purpose? What were the beliefs and knowledge which would be brought to bear on it?

The immediate beauty of early medieval painting acts as a lure, to engage the modern spectator's attention. But presented in isolation these images remain largely inscrutable. They impress; they fascinate; ultimately they bore. Only in relation to the presuppositions, methods, ideas and aims which made up the intellectual life of the period can these pictures provide a lasting, rather than fleeting, enjoyment. Dodwell's volume is an admirable introduction to its subject; but its greatest value, perhaps, is in raising questions which cannot, by their very nature, be answered in a history of art.



The storm at sea (Hitda Codex, Cologne, c. 1000-1020): the boat "lunges forward with ominous and threatening prow like some fearful creature of the deep" (Dodwell)

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Cascarino's late winner spares Ireland's blushes

Albania 1
Ireland 2

FROM PETER BALL
IN TIRANA

IRELAND got the win they so desperately wanted in Tirana yesterday, keeping them on course for World Cup qualification, but it was a close-run thing. It took a goal from their substitute, Tony Cascarino, 13 minutes from time to finally break Albania's determined resistance.

The result lifts Ireland into second place in group three, level on points with the leaders, Spain, with a game in hand, and a point clear of Denmark. With visits to Latvia and Lithuania to come next month, they could be in a strong position by the time they finally break for the summer.

"It is one of the most important wins in my seven years in the job," Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, said. "It could be the result that gets us to the United States."

Albania were a revelation. They are generally considered a neat yet bloodless team but, yesterday, as the temperature stayed in the eighties until teatime in the Quemal Stafa stadium, they extended Ireland all the way. Demollari showed delightful touches in midfield while the defence stuck resolutely to Quinn and Aldridge.

Ireland could hardly have made a worse start on the bumpy pitch underneath the Dajti mountains. The Albanians immediately revealed that they are a more aggressive side these days, with the pace of Kushta and Rakili looking a source of danger to the Irish defence — a point that was made after only seven minutes.

Moran's free-kick was headed out to Demollari and the midfield play-maker hit a beautiful first-time ball for Kushta. The forward outpaced Kernaghan and left Bonner helpless with a fierce drive — a shot of startling conviction from a side renowned as poor finishers.

Ireland recovered quickly from a free kick. Some people flight them and some whack them; Staunton did both, bending a stunning drive around the defensive wall and into the unguarded corner of the net.

It presaged a spell of Irish superiority but although Townsend, Keane and Houghton drove forward eagerly, penetrating a determined defence proved a demanding task. But as the second half wore on and the shadows lengthened, their greater power pushed them forward with increasing urgency.

Musta made fine saves from Quinn, Keane and Quinn again until Cascarino replaced Aldridge with 15 minutes remaining. It was an inspired substitution as he met Staunton's inswinging corner beyond the far post with a powerful header.

ALBANIA: Musta; Zmijani (sub: Fortuse), Shulku, Shala, Vata, Lekbello, Kushta, Pegini, Rakli (sub: Bozgo), Milori, Demollari.

IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); D Irwin (Manchester United), T Phelan (Manchester City), A Kernaghan (Middlesbrough), K Moran (Blackburn Rovers), R Keane (Nottingham Forest), A Townsend (Chelsea), R Houghton (Aston Villa), N Quinn (Manchester City), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers; sub: A Cascarino, Chelsea), S Staunton (Aston Villa).

Referee: W Ciricirpini (Italy).

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	8	4	3	1	16	2	11
Ireland	7	4	3	0	12	2	11
Denmark	7	3	4	0	5	1	10
N Ireland	8	2	2	3	9	10	6
Lithuania	8	2	3	3	8	12	7
Latvia	9	0	5	4	3	17	5
Albania	9	1	2	6	5	16	4

RESULTS: Spain 3, Albania 0; N Ireland 2, Lithuania 2; Ireland 2, Albania 0; Albania 1, Lithuania 0; Latvia 1, Lithuania 2; Latvia 0, Denmark 0; Ireland 4, Latvia 0; N Ireland 3, Albania 0; Latvia 0, Spain 0, Lithuania 0, Denmark 0; N Ireland 0, Spain 0; Denmark 0, Ireland 0; Lithuania 1, Latvia 1; Albania 1, Latvia 1; Spain 0, Ireland 0; N Ireland 0, Denmark 1; Spain 5, Latvia 0; Albania 1, N Ireland 2; Spain 5, Lithuania 0; Ireland 3, N Ireland 0; Denmark 1, Spain 0; Denmark 2, Latvia 0; Lithuania 3, Albania 1; Ireland 1, Denmark 1; Spain 3, N Ireland 1; Latvia 0, Albania 0; Lithuania 0, N Ireland 1.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Jun 2: Latvia v N Ireland; Denmark v Albania; Lithuania v Spain. Jun 9: Latvia v Ireland. Jun 16: Lithuania v Ireland. Aug 25: Denmark v Lithuania. Sep 8: Albania v Denmark; N Ireland v Latvia; Ireland v Lithuania. Sep 22: Albania v Spain. Oct 13: Ireland v Spain; Denmark v N Ireland. Nov 17: N Ireland v Ireland; Spain v Denmark.

Watson establishes target for rivals

Patricia Davies sees hopefuls for Amateur Championship fall foul of unpleasant weather in Northern Ireland



Flagging fortunes: Ian Bishop, of Tewkesbury Park, a victim of the weather, chips at the Valley's 12th

THE agony of qualifying for the main business of the Amateur Championship — the matchplay stages — continued in the teeth of a bitter easterly wind at Royal Portrush yesterday, with players more intent on survival than glorious stroke-play.

Craig Watson, a 26-year-old Scottish international from East Renfrewshire, gave himself every chance of being the top qualifier when he returned a superb round of 73, level par, on the Dunluce course, for a total of 141, two under par. "I've never hit so many two-irons in my life," he said. "Club selection was no problem."

Watson led by a shot from David Cameron, a local civil engineer, who added a 71, one over par, on the Valley, to his opening 71 on Dunluce. Niall Goulding and Bradley Dredge, two men with Walker Cup aspirations, were on 144 with Christian Cevaer, of France. Stephen Dundas, the defending champion, and Phil Tataurangi, of New Zealand, missed out on 155.

Dundas's hopes foundered at the last, where he hit his drive down the middle but then sent a two-iron soaring out of bounds on the right, to wind up with a double-bogey seven.

The young Scot had hampered himself with an appalling start. The wind was so strong that he failed to reach the fairway at the 1st — he was not alone — and he started with three bogeys and a double bogey.

Out in 41, five over par, Dundas hit a five-iron out of bounds on the 11th. Reloading, he aimed 50 yards right of the green and watched the wind blow the ball within ten feet of the hole.

Another notable casualty was Raymond Burns, the Eisenhower Trophy youngster from Banbridge. Playing on the Valley, the easier course, he was 11 over par after ten holes and finished with an 82, 12 over, for 157.

An unfamiliar name caused a stir early on by returning a 76 on Dunluce for a total of 146. C. M. L. Cowan turned out to be Chris, a 21-year-old banker from Edinburgh with no real golfing pedigree. He was making his first appearance in the Amateur but the main purpose of his visit was revenge: he had vowed to conquer Calamity, the 14th hole, an intimidating par-three of 211 yards featuring a yawning chasm on the right.

Four years ago, when he was a student at Aberdeen, Cowan took five there in a match against the Irish universities. Yesterday he hit an undistinguished three-iron down the dip — although not to the bottom — but pitched to ten feet and holed the putt. Mission accomplished, qualifying was a bonus.

Dorigo will step in for England

TONY Dorigo, of Leeds United, will fill England's problem position at left back in the World Cup group two qualifying match against Poland in Katowice on Saturday (Keith Pike writes).

It was a move Graham Taylor, the England manager, had been reluctant to make. Taylor had hoped to name the side that drew 2-2 with Holland at Wembley last month, but has had to omit Martin Keown, the Arsenal defender, who has a foot injury.

It might not be his only enforced change. Les Ferdinand, the Queens Park Rangers striker, has been restricted to light training because of a back problem. If he is unable to train tomorrow, the day after the squad arrives in Poland, either Ian Wright, of Arsenal, who appears to have recovered from an ankle injury, or Teddy Sheringham, of Tottenham Hotspur, will partner David Platt in attack.

Dorigo, who will be winning his twelfth cap, Keown and Andy Sinton, of Queens Park Rangers, have been used at left back since Stuart Pearce, of Nottingham Forest, suffered a serious knee injury.

Alan McDonald, the Northern Ireland captain, will be available for their group three qualifying match against Latvia in Riga next Wednesday. McDonald thought he had received his second caution of the competition in the 1-0 win over Lithuania on Tuesday, but Irish FA officials have confirmed that it was his first.

Heavy rains threaten Oxford eights

COMPETITION on the second day of Oxford University Summer Eights today could be restricted to senior crews because of heavy rainfall (a Special Correspondent writes).

Before the last five divisions were rowed yesterday the National Rivers Authority informed officials that 70mm of rain had fallen in an hour in the Cotswold catchment area and advised no further navigation with the river rising.

The senior umpire, Adrian Smith, decided to continue, as the crews still to row were first eights and experienced enough to cope with the conditions, but he said that the situation would be reviewed this morning.

In the men's and women's top divisions Oriel and Somerville finished five lengths clear of Pembroke and Brasenose.

Men
FIRST DIVISION: Worcester bpd New College; Keble bpd Jesus.
SECOND DIVISION: St Peter's bpd Lady Margaret Hall; Queen's bpd University II.
THIRD DIVISION: St Anne's bpd Corpus Christi; Worcester II bpd Osler House; Pembroke II bpd Balliol II.
FOURTH DIVISION: Linacre bpd Mansfield; St Hugh's bpd Brasenose II; Exeter II bpd St John's II; Lincoln II bpd Wolfson II.
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FIRST DIVISION: Pembroke bpd University; Wadham bpd Wolfson; St Hilda's bpd Christ Church; Oriel bpd Lady Margaret Hall.
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WORLD CUP: Asian Zone: Qualifying match: First round: Group A: Jordan 0, China 3.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying match: Group three: Albania 1, Ireland 1

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WORLD MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Birmingham: Group 1B: Denmark 5, England 0 (Denmark names first: T Lund and M Thomsen bt N Pohding and G Clark, 15-4 15-5; P Nedergaard Jessen bt S Louis Lane, 11-4, 11-8; T Stuer-Lauridsen bt P Knowles, 15-6, 15-1; L Olsen and L Stuer-Lauridsen bt Clark and G Gowers, 4-15, 5-15; J Holst-Christensen and Lund bt D Wright and J Robertson, 12-15, 10-15). Group 1A: China 3, Sweden 0. Group 2: Holland 4, Malaysia 1; Japan 2, Thailand 3. Group 3: Scotland 3, Australia 2 (Scotland names first: R Hogg and K Middlemiss bt P Blackburn and M Nichols, 15-12, 15-7; E Allen and J Allen lost to L Bryant and A Hardy, 10-12, retd, A Gibson bt R Cator, 11-6, 11-8; J Meller lost to T He, 6-15, 5-15; E Allen and Middlemiss bt Blackburn and Bryant, 18-15, 12-15, 15-7; Russia 3, Canada 2. Group 4: New Zealand 3, India 2; Germany 4, Hong Kong 1. Group 5: Norway 3, Finland 2; Austria 3, Poland 2. Group 6: Iceland 3, Ireland 2 (G Henderson and J Plunkett lost to G Juliusdottir and A Helgrimsson 5-15 16-17; M Watt lost to B Kristjansson 11-15 13-18; S McGinn bt B Petersen 11-611-3; B Topping and M O'Meara lost to Kristjansson and Helgrimsson 12-15 6-15; A Stephens and Plunkett bt Petersen and Juliusdottir 18-14 15-11; Czech Republic 3, United States 2. Group 7: Bulgaria 3, Wales 2 (Wales names first: C Rees and H Tarleton bt S Stojanov and D Kolava, 15-9 15-11; K Morgan lost to N Nedjalkova, 7-11, 5-11; G Lewis lost to Y Borissov, 15-9, 11-15, 10-15; Tarleton and R Phipps lost to D Kolava and E Dimitrova, 7-15, 15-8, 7-15; Rees and D Tonks bt Stojanov and M Popov, 15-7, 15-8; Switzerland 4, France 1. Group 8: Ukraine 3, Kazakhstan 2; Hungary 3, Belgium 2. Group 9: Cyprus 0, Slovenia 5; Peru 5, Malta 0; Cyprus 3, Israel 2; Peru 5, Slovenia 0.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco Giants 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Atlanta Braves 5, Cincinnati Reds 0; Montreal Expos 4, St Louis Cardinals 2; Philadelphia Phillies 4, New York Mets 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, Florida Marlins 0; Colorado Rockies 7, Houston Astros 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 10, San Diego Padres 9 (in 10).
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas Rangers 5, Cleveland Indians 1; Detroit Tigers 4, Boston Red Sox 1; New York Yankees 1, Baltimore Orioles 0; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Kansas City Royals 3, Chicago White Sox 2; California Angels 6, Seattle Mariners 3; Oakland A's 3, Minnesota Twins 1.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE: XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Swansea: Glamorgan v Kent, no play, rain.
THE PARKS: Oxford University 277-4 dec (J E R Gallian 130, H Malik 52no), Midlands Club Cricket Conference 221-8 (G J Toogood 58, Malik 4-60). Match drawn.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Eastern Conference finals: Play-offs: Third round: New York Knicks 96, Chicago Bulls 91 (New York lead best-of-seven series 2-0).

CYCLING

TOUR OF ITALY: Fourth stage (Scanno to Marcianise): 1, F Baldato (It), 4hr 39min 18sec; 2, M Manzoni (It); 3, E Leoni (It). Overall positions (Italy unless stated): 1, M Argentin, 16hr 51min 40sec; 2, P Ugrumov (Lat), at 26sec; 3, M Fondriest, 36. 13, S Roche (Ire), 55, 8

GOLF

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Royal Portrush: Early leading second-round scores: Dunluce: 141: C Watson (East Renfrewshire), 73, 68. 142: D Cameron (R Portrush), 71, 71. 144: B Dredge (Bryn Meadows), 69, 75; N Goulding (Portmarnock), 76, 68. 148: I Pyman (Sand Moor), 75, 71; D Young (Bristol and Clifton), 75, 71; C Cowan (Ella), 76, 70; P Page (Dartford), 77, 69. 147: J Fenagan (Milltown), 70, 77; D Fisher (Stoke Poges), 73, 74; G McGimpsey (Bangor), 75, 72; V Smyth (Co Louth), 77, 70; N Ludwell (Selby), 78, 69. 148: C O'Carroll (Blaynhill), 72, 76; R Walker (Wearside), 79, 69. 149: A Reid (Kilmarnock Barassie), 75, 74; M Watson (Weymouth) 81, 68. 150: P Sherman (Ashford), 72, 78; C Watts (Hawkstone Park), 74, 76; G Hotson (Sleaford), 76, 74; R Coles (Maylands), 77, 73; F Jacobsen (Swe), 78, 72; R Hutton (Ardglass), 82, 68. 151: S Paul (Tandragee), 74, 77; G Harris (Broome Manor), 78, 75; M Welch (Hill Valley), 77, 74; O Baker (Downpatrick), 79, 72; F De Pablo (Sp), 80, 71. 152: R Russell (Longridge), 72, 80; V Phillips (Stoke Poges), 74, 78; B Porter (Saltford), 77, 75; A Reid (Richmond), 76, 74; M Pullen (Sand Moor), 79, 73; G Verrier (US), 80, 72; D Rojahn (Norway) 81, 71. 153: J Bunch (St Andrews New), 73, 80; P Streeter (Sleaford), 75, 78; L James (Broadstone), 78, 77; F Valera (Sp), 76, 77; J Schapmann (Ger), 78, 77; A Valenzuela (Fr), 77, 76; M Mazur (Ger), 78, 75; G Campbell (Blairpowrie), 78, 75; G Houston (Flint), 79, 74; J Carr (Sunningdale), 80, 73; C McElderry (R Portrush), 80, 73; J Milligan (Kilmarnock Barassie), 81, 72; C Evans (West Monmouthshire), 85, 68.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Campbell Conference finals: Stanley Cup play-offs: Third round: Toronto Maple Leafs 3, Los Angeles Kings 2 (Oo) (Toronto lead best-of-seven series 3-2).

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP: Qualifying match: Russia 15, Georgia 9 (in Warsaw).
TOUR MATCHES: North Harbour 13, British Lions 29; Fiji Juniors 3, Scotland 51.

SQUASH

LILLE, France: European Closed Championship: Final: C Walker (Eng) bt D Meddings (Eng) 9-4, 9-6, 9-3.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Arena Essex 55, Belle Vue 49.

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Men's singles, first round: R Furlan (It) bt W Masur (Aus), 7-5, 6-2, 6-2; J Svensson (Swe) bt G Solves (Fr), 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4; J Sanchez (Sp) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-2, 6-4, 6-0; M Ondruska (SA) bt J Morgan (Aus), 7-5, 6-2, 6-1; M Woodforde (Aus) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-2, 6-0, 6-7, 6-2; B Steven (NZ) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr), 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Second round: R Krajicek (Holl) bt M Rossel (Switz), 6-2, 6-3, 6-1; K Novacek (Cz) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; J Tarango (US) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; R Gilbert (Fr) bt B Becker (Ger), 7-5, 6-3, 7-5; J Courier (US) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-4, 6-1, 6-0; J Arrese (Sp) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 8-6; S Pescosolido (It) bt K Carlsen (Den), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4, 6-7, 8-2; C Dosedel (Cz) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ), 6-3, 6-1, 6-0; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt A Berasategui (Sp), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; C Costa (Sp) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-3, 8-2, 6-4; M Stich (Ger) bt H Holm (Swe), 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.
Men's doubles: First round: S Casal (Sp) and E Angel Sanchez (Sp) bt K Kinnear (US) and C Sasanu (Ger), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; J Eisrich (Holl) and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt J Doner (Swe) and O Jonsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; R Deppe (SA) and D Rikl (Cz) bt J Pugh and G Van Emburgh (US), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; D Adams (SA) and A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt C Allgardh (Swe) and S Groen (Holl), 6-3, 6-1; R Bergh and M Tillstroem (Swe) bt P Gauthier and G Mace (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; L Mattar and J Oosthe (Br) bt S Downes (US) and D MacPherson (Aus), 7-5, 7-6; H J Davids (Holl) and P Norval (SA) bt M Barnard (SA) and B Hayserth (SA), 4-6, 7-6, 8-6, G Michibata (Ger) and D Pate (US) bt T Champion (Fr) and N Escude (Fr), 6-1, 6-1; P Albano (Arg) and J Frana (Arg) bt N Broad (GB) and P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-3, 6-4; J-L De Jager (SA) and M Ondruska (SA) bt G Connel (Can) and P Galbraith (US), 6-2, 7-6; L Pimek (Bel) and B Steven (NZ) bt M Damm (Cz) and T Zdrubda (Cz), 6-3, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt C Pioline (Fr), 7-5, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Women's singles, first round: S Cecchini (It) bt T Whitlinger (US), 6-1, 6-4; B Schultz (Holl) bt C Cunningham (US), 6-1, 6-3; K Kroupova (Cz) bt K Studenikova (Slo), 6-2, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt C Porwik (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; A Grossman (US) bt P Pendlok (US), 2-6, 6-3, 8-0; P Ritter (Austria) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-3, 7-6; K Quadrieri (Fr) bt M Werdel (US), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Second round: M Pierce (Fr) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-4, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) bt G Helgason (US), 7-5, 6-2; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 6-2, 6-3; K Po (US) bt S Stafford (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; P Hy (Can) bt A-M Foldonyi (Hun), 7-6, 6-1; A Huber (Ger) bt L McNeil (US), 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; N Baudone (It) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; S Graf (Ger) bt A Simadova (Cz), 6-1, 6-1; J Capriati (US) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-1, 7-5; I Majoli (Cro) bt L Allen (US), 6-0, 6-1; M Maleova (Bul) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg), 6-4, 6-1; S Hack (Ger) bt L Raimondo (It), 6-1, 6-4; F Labat (Arg) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-2, 6-3; H De La Pena (Arg) and J Lozano (Mex) bt A Bonzach (Fr) and O Delaitre (Fr), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; C Motta (Br) and J Sanchez (Sp) bt J Bates (GB) and B Black (Zim), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.
Women's doubles: First round: M Oremans and C Vis (Holl) bt T Morton (Aus) and C Wood (GB), 7-5, 6-3; E Maniokova (Russ) and L Meskini (Ger) bt N Dahlman (Fin) and L Field (Aus), 6-2, 6-7, 6-0; N Mume-Jegerman (Holl) and L Pioning (Aus) bt P Ritter (Aus) and N Van Lottum (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; S Appelmans (Bel) and L Courtois (Bel) pt I Drakulis (Holl) and L Novolo (Mex), 3-6, 6-2, 6-0; M Lindstrom (Swe) and T Whittington (US) bt J Fuchs (US) and M Strandlund (Swe), 7-5, 0-6 9-7; S Cecchini (It) and P Tarabini (Arg) bt L Garrone (It) and B Pittner (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; C Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Russ) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) and N Provis (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; L Nolland (Lat) and J Novotna (Cz) bt W Probst (Ger) and C Singer (Ger), 6-4, 6-2. K Godridge (Aus) and M Kidowaki (Japan) bt P Paradis-Mangon and S Testud (Fr), 6-7, 7-5, 6-2.

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RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Heanor: Derbyshire v Leicestershire; Colchester: Essex v Somerset; Swansea: Glamorgan v Kent; Portsmouth: Hampshire v Yorkshire, Lansbury: Middlesex v Durham; Oundle School: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; Walmley: Warwickshire v Lancashire.

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division play-off: Bohemians v Shelbourne (8.30).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Sudirman Cup world team championships (Birmingham).
EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor International Horse Trials (Windsor Great Park).
GOLF: The Amateur Championship (Royal Portrush)
SPEEDWAY: First division: Ipswich v Poole. Second division: Middlesbrough v Peterborough; Sheffield v Swindon.
TENNIS: Women's over-40 world championship semi-finals (Bournemouth)

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Second-half brawl mars British Isles' impressive victory on New Zealand tour

Lions show character to dismiss Harbour

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FROM DAVID HANDS IN AUCKLAND

IF AUCKLAND, *the city of sails*, is as good to the British Isles on their next two visits as it has been this week, the touring side will be well *pleased. Victory* over North Harbour at *Mount Smart* stadium yesterday was a welcome aperitif to the heavier fare to come — against Auckland on June 19 and New Zealand, in the final international match, on July 3.

This was a considerable achievement against one of New Zealand's leading four provinces, which had enjoyed the benefit of five games together this season. Not only did the Lions show tactical flexibility and an unrelenting defence, they showed themselves a side of character.

Success came despite the loss of Richards, after the prolonged fight that besmirched the second half, and in the face of an adverse penalty count of 20-6.

That they were able to play as much positive, controlled rugby as they did was no thanks to Alan Riley, the referee, several of whose decisions clearly baffled the Lions. That having been said, they can look after themselves.

As England B discovered last year, New Zealanders are none too shy where they put their feet and it was an irate pride of Lions who finally decided that if Bunce chose to plant himself in an offside position and disrupt a potential try-scoring move, he should be treated as a doormat.

The protracted exchange that followed deprived the Lions of Richards, who took a punch in the face and left the field, though a precautionary x-ray showed only severe bruising. Frank Bunce, the All Blacks centre, needed 20 stitches in an ear wound after he was stamped on in the same incident.

Curiously, the fight gained an almost official endorsement from Brad Meurant, the North Harbour coach. "Both sides did the right thing and went in to help their mates," he said. "That's what I would expect from my side."

This may carry the southern hemisphere concept of "mateship" too far but it was revealing of attitude. Having survived the battle, the Lions then proceeded to win the war and the hugely encouraging aspect is that they did so by producing the same tactics that have been so successfully used against them in the past.

Previous touring teams have been ground down by the relentless pressure imposed by New Zealand teams, who identify the cracks in opponents and chisel them open. Yesterday, on a mild but damp afternoon, it was the Lions turning the screw. They cut down space for the North Harbour backs, missed scarcely a tackle and probably played Rush out of a first cap.

When New Zealand's final trial teams were announced immediately afterwards, Rush was in the junior side. Moreover, when it comes to their selection for the first international, the Lions will do so from a genuinely competitive set of backs.

Gibbs played quite splendidly on his first appearance and Tony Underwood indicated just why New Zealand's respected *Rugby Almanack* chose him as one of their players of 1992.

Moreover the pack, aging Englishmen or not, responded well to the urgings of Gavin Hastings when Carter's conversion of Perelini's try brought North Harbour back to 15-13.

Having missed two earlier scoring chances, once when Underwood veered infield only for Andrew to knock on, and again when Bayfield set up the ruck in front of the posts that Bunce then killed, *they were able to force the pace* by better control of the ball in the tackle, where Winterbottom was outstanding.

If Andrew, whose kicking *delighted his forwards*, was somewhat fortuitous to collect the first try, then Underwood was entirely deserving with the second. His pace and strength took him around Rush and he had the balance to survive Calder's body check, after kicking ahead, and the speed to reach the ball before it went dead.

Only in the sixth minute of stoppage time in the first half did Carter kick his second penalty goal for North Harbour — he missed with five other attempts — but the Lions conjured a definitive closing burst.

Winterbottom gathered in Carter's missed clearance, Webster joined him and the backs timed their passes sweetly for Evans to score. The same forwards also took advantage of a wayward lineout throw and Webster was thrust over the line by his colleagues.

SCORERS: North Harbour: Try: Perelini. Conversion: Carter. Penalty goals: Carter (2). British Isles: Tries: Andrew, Underwood, Evans, Webster. Conversions: Hastings (3). Penalty goal: Hastings.
NORTH HARBOUR: I Calder; E Rush, F Bunce, W Little, R Kapa; J Carter, A Strachan; R Williams, G Dowd, K Boroevich, A Perelini, B Larsen, D Mayhew, L Barry, R Turner (captain). Replacement: D George for Larsen, 79min.
BRITISH ISLES: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); I Evans (Llanelli), W Carling (Harlequins), S Gibbs (Swansea), T Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), D Morris (Orrell); N Popplewell (Greystones), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Burnell (London Scottish), M Teague (Moseley), M Bayfield (Northampton), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Richards (Leicester). Replacement: R Webster (Swansea) for Richards, 55min.
Referee: A Riley (Waikato).

☐ The senior side for the New Zealand trial at Pukekohe on June 1 is as near to the likely All Blacks combination as *injuries permit. Matthew Cooper*, capped against Ireland last year, plays full back because John Timu, of Otago, is unfit; otherwise, it has the look of an international team.

PROBABLES: M Cooper; E Clarke, F Bunce, W Little, V Tuigamala; G Fox, A Strachan; C Dowd, S Fitzpatrick, O Brown, J Joseph, R Brooke, I Jones, M Jones, Z Brooke.

POSSIBLES: S Howarth; E Rush, G Konia, S Cottrell, A Prince; S Mannix, J Preston; M Allen, N Hewitt, G Purvis, R Jerram, S Gordon or B Larsen, R Fromont, P Henderson, R Turner.

ANTON WANT



Walking wounded: the injured Richards is led from the pitch by James Robson, the British Isles doctor

Scotland kicking falls short of level required

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Scotland..... 51

FROM ALAN LORIMER IN SUVA

SCOTLAND maintained their unbeaten record on their South Pacific islands tour with a substantial win over Fiji Juniors here yesterday, but there were a number of disappointing features of their play that could affect the selection of the team to face Fiji on Saturday.

For instance, David Johnston, the Scotland coach, said: "Our kicking in the first half was woeful." That could mean that Gregor Townsend is no longer a certainty at stand-off for the international. The selectors may look to Alistair Donaldson as the answer for accurate touchline kicking.

Scotland led by only 8-0 at half-time despite dominating the lineouts but, as Johnston *said, they failed to do anything* worthwhile with the possession in the first half. By contrast, the young Fijians counter-attacked effectively *and up front battled gamely* against heavier opponents.

Eventually Scotland's forwards made their weight advantage tell to give Carl Hogg at No 8 three relatively easy pushover tries in the second half. Having taken the spirit out of the Fijian Junior side, which was captained at scrum half by Meli Serevi, the younger brother of Waisale Serevi, Scotland produced several good tries from more expansive rugby. Scott Nichol, singled out by Johnston as one of the more positive contributors, was prominent in this phase.

Andy Nicol, the Scotland captain, produced the best try of the match when he broke clear after a driving maul, kicked ahead and gathered before touching down in the *short in-goal area. Scotland's* other memorable try was scored by Nick Grecian, who appeared on his opposite wing to take the scoring pass from *Ken Milligan after Nichol* had made a splendid break at centre.

SCORERS: Fiji Juniors: Penalty goal: Driu. Scotland: Tries: Nicol (2), Hogg (3), Wallace (2), Grecian. Conversions: Grecian (4). Penalty goal: Grecian.
FIJI JUNIORS: F Tawavaga; A Taylor, E Naimoso, J Adroja, J Vidiri; A Driu, M Serevi (capt); P Blu, E Gabirieli, V Balekawasi, N Nakalanikoro, P Vukinavanua, I Rokuro, S Batiyeka, S Morayawa.
SCOTLAND: C Redpath (Melrose); N Grecian (London Scottish), S Nichol (Selkirk), D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), K Milligan (Stewart's Melville FP); G Townsend (Gala), A Nicol (Dundee High School FP, capt); P Jones (Gloucester), M Scott (Edinburgh Academicals), S Fergauson (Peebles), M Wallace (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), K Armstrong (Jed-Forest), C Hogg (Melrose).
Referee: W Erickson (Australia).

Ciniglio seeks advice on typhoid scare

BY RICHARD EATON

CIRO Ciniglio, the England badminton manager, was seeking medical advice before the match against Indonesia in Birmingham today after hearing that Bambang Suprianto has been kept in an isolation ward in Dudley Road hospital with a possible case of typhoid.

Rexy Mainaky, his room-mate, is said to have contracted the disease before the Indonesian team left for the world championships at the National Indoor Area and was kept in Jakarta.

Suprianto had tests when he first arrived and was allowed out of hospital for a day before being readmitted with a temperature of 40C.

"I shall be liaising with the Public Health Authority because there may be a risk," Jeff Robson, chairman of the international tournaments committee of *the International Badminton* Federation, said. "It is a public health matter. They tell us what to do."

Ashwin Patel, *the world championships doctor*, said: "At the moment, typhoid seems unlikely. There seems no danger to other competitors but everyone *should take* care of personal hygiene."

The absence of Mainaky, ranked No 1 in the world in men's doubles, will further enhance the chances of South Korea retaining the title. Ricky Subagja, Mainaky's partner, was last night forming a scratch partnership with Denny Kanteno for the match against Denmark.

England, too, have their problems. The disappointing performances of Gill Clark and Gillian Gowers in the 5-0 defeat in the opening match against *Denmark on Tuesday has* fuelled speculation that their famous partnership might again be about to split.

Ciniglio has promised changes for the match against Indonesia, the result of which is likely to consign his team to a relegation play-off contest on Saturday, probably against Sweden.

However, the news is better about Darren Hall, whose foot ligament injury developed an infection and kept him out of the *Denmark match*. The former European champion, from Essex, hopes to be fit to play against Sweden.

Zimbabwe fear worst

ALTHOUGH Zimbabwe's selectors have made three changes to the side that wil meet Wales in the second international in Harare on Saturday, they do not hold out much hope of victory after watching the Welsh beat Zimbabwe's B team 64-31, running in ten tries in the process.

"Wales were very impressive in the way they played against the B team and it's bound to be a much sterner test for us on Saturday," the chairman of the Zimbabwe selectors, Frank Putterill, said. "I fear a little bit for my players on Saturday — the way Wales are shaping up we could be in big trouble."

The outstanding wing, Willie Schultz, returns after recovering from an ankle injury while Ewan MacMillan takes over at scrum half. The third change is in the back row, where David Kirkman, who scored two tries for the B team, wins his first cap at No 8.

SPORTS LETTERS

Clubs could help fans

From Mr John Fox

Sir, The Wembley Cup Final replay proved to be a cash windfall to the clubs concerned. Why, therefore, did they not pass some of this profit on to their loyal supporters by way of transport and ticket subsidy?

Surely supporters are entitled to feel that they deserve a share in the financial rewards, not just the players and club officials. This would have guaranteed a full house, instead of the many empty seats.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FOX,
29 Crieff Road, SW18.

Arsenal unfairly charged with thuggery

From Mr Charles Bieber

Sir, So the knives are out for Arsenal. *David Miller (May* 21) and Rob Hughes (May 22) condemn hard and fast play as thuggery. That is their word to describe good organisation, *determination, grit and* a lack of flair.

I concede (and regret) that the team plays predictably and often lacks imagination — *although individually most* players possess superb skills; but thuggery? No! Arsenal won the FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup fairly and squarely.

In contrast, how many times have we watched continental and South American teams cheat? Did shirt-pulling originate at Highbury? Did any Arsenal player feign injury or attempt to play for a draw, so that they could win on penalties? Did Arsenal players kick Pelé out of the World Cup? Or break Paul Gascoigne's cheekbone? Was it an Arsenal player who scored a decisive goal with "the hand of God"? Is that Miller's beautiful game?

As for easily inflamed supporters, was it the Arsenal fans who fought a battle at Heysel Stadium? And when did they ever invade a pitch and bring football into disrepute?

Sheffield Wednesday were simply not good enough for long enough to win against predictable, committed opponents. That was their failing, not Arsenal's.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES BIEBER,
2 Steynings Way, N12.

From Mr A. C. Blyghton

Sir, How refreshing but sad to read your correspondents' accounts of the Cup Final replay. The level to which the game has descended needs to be digested by every senior club.

We always thought that the two-footed tackle was illegal, but *how is it that such tackles* are now made with one foot inches behind the leading foot, and allowed? How is it that such tackles result in two legs being wrapped around the player with the ball and not punished — sometimes from behind or from the side?

Such tactics are obviously those of the coach or manager or go so near the line of illegality and threaten the very limbs of those who are tackled. It is time for a complete appraisal, and the FA should be forced to sit through several re-runs of the two finals.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. BLYGHTON,
8 Fernleigh Court,
Headstone Lane,
Harrow, Middlesex.

Pressure on Stewart

From Mr E. R. Thompson

Sir, Alan Lee tells us correctly that, in the latter part of his innings against Australia at Lord's, Alec Stewart "lost his *fluency" (report, May 24). On* television it was also apparent that he was showing signs of physical exhaustion, and who should wonder after already *seeing him in action* as wicketkeeper, performing acrobatics for several hours?

Can England afford to blunt in this way the sharp edge of a player of much-needed stature? The inclusion of a specialist wicketkeeper, capable of doing a useful bit down the batting order, would take a place that might otherwise be open to an additional bowler, but this could be offset by more use of Hick's off spin.

Yours etc.,
E. R. THOMPSON,
Grove Cottage,
Woodside Road,
Cobham,
Surrey.

On two levels

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, The letters on preserving rugby union's amateur status (May 6, 13, 20) omit one crucial element: the distinction, and growing gap, between the alleged entertainment level of public sport and the sport played for fun, health or educational purposes by millions of participants out of the public gaze.

Notwithstanding the official demise of football's amateur status, in 1974, the FA today still claims membership of 40,000 registered clubs, irrespective of the remaining unregistered thousands who play on village greens, Hackney Marshes and the like.

Likewise, rugby union will always contain countless players, who would have no more idea or intention of turning professional than the immemorable amateur thespians and stage performers, who provide the backbone for theatres and opera groups throughout the land.

Yet to deny professional status and/or payment to the rugby union entertainers who fund the game's headquarters and salaries for its paid aministrators and coaching staffs in this country, while accepting its de facto existence overseas, is to compound unreality with the hypocrisy and double standards that permeate public life.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON
(President, British Association for Sport and Law),
4 Paper Buildings, EC4.

Image problem

From Madame M. LeBlanc

Sir, Could not someone speak to Chris Lewis about the inadvisability of wearing dark-striped underpants under his trousers? English cricket al*ready has enough problems* with its image.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. LeBLANC,
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France.

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WORD WATCHING

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THEAVE
(b) The name given in the midland and some southern counties of England to a female sheep of a particular age: most generally applied to a ewe of the first or second year, that has not yet borne a lamb; in some parts to a ewe between the first and second shearing, known from the 15th century, etymology unascertained: "The second year the male is a Weather, and the female a Theave, and then she may be put to the Ram: but if you let her go over that year also, then she is a double Theave."

UGGING
(a) Dread, fear, horror, loathing, verbal participle from OE *ug* to inspire or affect with dread, loathing or disgust: "The ugging of sundry good people to see numbers of grievous bloodshedders ready to come in."

DINOCERAS
(b) A genus of extinct ungulated quadrupeds (*Dinoceratа*) of huge size, and having apparently three pairs of horns, from the Greek *deinos* terrible + *keras* horn: "The dinoceras was like an elephant in size. It had short legs, and perhaps three pairs of horns — one on the snout, one on the cheeks, and one on the forehead."

EPHEMERIS
(c) A record of daily occurrences, a diary or journal, a table showing the predicted *positions* of a heavenly body for every day during a given period, from the Greek *ephēmeros* daily: Sir Thomas Browne: "Register not only strange, but merciful occurrences; let ephemerides, not olympiads, give thee account of His mercies."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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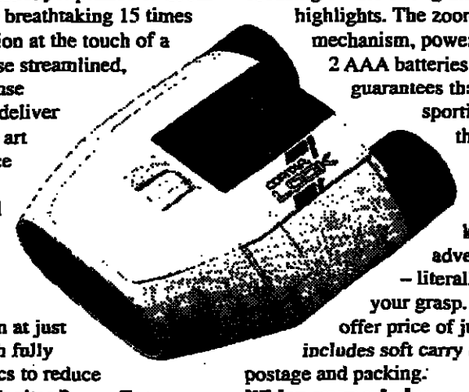
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Cricket's sad story of love, struggle and ultimate betrayal



Gower: spirit

Simon Barnes looks at a new book mourning the changes a great sport has undergone and that have left it facing a difficult search for its soul

NOT a bad title. *Betrayal: The Struggle for Cricket's Soul**. This is a book written by Graeme Wright, an intellectual, angst-ridden New Zealander who edited *Wisden* for six years before the steely grip of disillusionment grew too tight.

The book is written in sorrow, not anger. It is uninhibited by the Englishman's vicarious nostalgia for the Edwardian idyll: it has the antipodean clarity of insight into the English caste system without the Australian fury at it.

It is essential reading for anyone who has ever been involved in a chest-prodding cricket argument or who has ever been appalled by the latest cricketing horror story, be it colour prejudice or coloured clothing. For the book is sane, balanced and humane: how can it help being a little sad?

The nature of the betrayal is easy enough to see: expediency, both political and financial: South Africa; Packer; joke bowling; ball tampering; the work ethic; committee-men; powerbrokers. All are considered with philosophic clarity and a mild, sad eye.

But what exactly has been betrayed? The nature of Cricket's Soul is a hard thing to put your finger on. "Soul is especially troublesome in a secular society," Wright says, recomending to us "the definition of Epictetus according to Stephen Dedalus". *Nice* to find James Joyce in the index of a cricket book.

I suppose we all have different ideas of what constitutes cricket's soul. For some, it is misty-eyed views of spires and chestnut trees and run-stealers flickering to and fro. Or a gorgeously attritional Roses match. Or Gower pulling his first Test match ball for four. Or Botham at Old Trafford in 1981. Or even Tewin Irregulars plucking defeat from the jaws of victory once again.

But that is only English cricket. Some find cricket's soul in the dancing ecstasies of a home victory in Bridgetown, or in Chappell's notorious outlaw side of the Seventies, or in Pakistan's cornered tigers, or in the just-completed, twirling Indian winter.

So many variations, so many souls. So perhaps we should have a slash or two with Occam's razor, and pare the vision of cricket's soul down its essentials.

Cricket has many different cultural meanings, but we must strip them aside to find a common factor. Edwardian nostalgia, Anssie neo-brutalism, Pakistani pride, all are contained in cricket. Slash them away, then. Slash away, first, all our English preconceptions, for cricket is the world's game now.

And that is what we are left with after all the slashing: a game. A very *complicated* game, as any one who has ever tried to explain it to an American knows. How, then, is it different *in its essentials* (rather than its various cultural connotations) from other games?

Perhaps in its complexity. Cricket has an apparently infinite number of variables. The double-pronged notion of individual duel and team responsiblity imparts unique tensions. The tensions operate in the balance between bat and ball.

These things make cricket uniquely satisfying to the observer. The complexities and the balance of cricket are, to a greater degree than any other game, revealing of character. A cricketer gives himself away more than any other brand of athlete and in a greater number of ways. Even the casual observer knows a surprising number of cricketers *well*; not from interviews and quotes, but by their actions in a series of radically different situations. And any sport is, ultimately, the players. In the John Arlott Rule, the game is not bigger than the players: it *is* the players.

Anything that takes away from the complexity and variability of cricket is therefore a betrayal. And so to modern cricket: one-dayers, Pavlovian patriotism, coloured clothing and all the other cash-crazy modernisms.

The point is not that one-day cricket is a bad game — it is often wonderful fun — but it is not half, not a quarter, not a tenth as good as Test match cricket. It has far less complexity, far less balance, far fewer variations. I like one-day cricket. I also like James Bond books, but I find *Ulysses* more lasting.

The change to antagonistic clothing, rather than having all participants looking and dressing the same, is another erosion of complexity. It makes the game one of simple polarities. Partisanship is all. The result is all. National rivalry is the ultimate box-office gimmick and ratings-booster for sport. That is why, for all the talk of idealism, they will never abolish national anthems and national uniforms at the Olympics. Cricket's huge marketability depends on jingo as never before. Is that the greatest betrayal of all? Fifty overs, wallop-kerblam, 15 pints, match sponsored by Dingo-do Lager and may the side with the greatest international machismo factor win.

Times change and everything changes with the times, but there is a difference between change and betrayal. But if there has, indeed, been a betrayal, there is no Judas. Wright has chronicled instead a series of small capitulations, put-off decisions, weakness, short-term thinking, veniality, silliness, pomposity, head-in-the-sand, blinker-eyed world views and a bedazzlement in the face of the post-war world that makes a rabbit in a car's headlights seem a symbol of decisiveness. It is the story of how the people of cricket have progressed so far along the road towards the killing of the game they love.

* *Betrayal: The Strugle for Cricket's Soul*, by Graeme Wright (H. F. and G. Witherby, £16.99).

Vice-captain denies dictating terms

Stewart keeps sense of balance with support for Gooch

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IT SOMETIMES seems that the England team revolves around Alec Stewart. But, looked at differently, it is Stewart revolving around the England team, never sure what the next game may require of him and suffering the identity crisis of an odd-job man with executive ambitions.

Is he an opening batsman? Is he a wicketkeeper? Can he do both? And should he be captain? The England selectors must resolve the first three issues on Sunday, and it may occupy them long into the evening, for nothing on their agenda is more crucial to the balance of the team.

The captaincy is a different matter and, contrary to some overreactions to three one-day defeats, less urgent. Stewart is first in line to the throne but content that it should stay that way for a little longer.

There are a number of misapprehensions about Stewart on the cricketing grapevine. One has him dictating his terms to the selectors over where he will bat. Another has him refusing to keep wicket. A third suggests that he would stop at little to get his hands on Graham Gooch's job.

Given such gossip, it is easy to picure Stewart as subversive and arrogant. He is, in fact, neither and yesterday he took the chance to put the record straight. He was having a quiet day at the Oval, resting because of a minor back spasm. The rest was welcome, for this has been quite a week.

In the midst of the one-dayseries he became a father and, on Tuesday, Andrew James came home. If that was not enough to worry about, he could hardly glance at a newspaper or turn on his television without finding his name being taken in vain.

"I switched on Ceefax on Monday and read that Graham [Gooch] had said I would open the batting in the Test. It was news to me. Then I read a comment from Keith Fletcher saying it was still undecided. And there has been all this stuff about the captaincy.

"People seem to think that I have put a gun to the heads of the selectors and told them I don't want to keep wicket. It simply isn't true. We haven't even discussed it yet and I am quite happy to leave it up to them.

"All I have come to realise is that it makes no sense for me to combine opening and wicketkeeping. It is in nobody's interests. If I play as a specialist batsman, I would like to open, but if they want me to keep wicket and bat at No 5 or No 6, that is fine by me."

Stewart is aware that the second option has seldom been more logical than it is now. He is also aware that it would be unpopular. "Jack Russell is the best keeper around and it is very hard on a guy that good to be out of the side. I can understand the public's annoyance when it happens," Stewart said.

"Things never worked out as we had planned in India. But it was not a case of me dictating what I was going to do. I was picked as the No 1 keeper and, if injury and illness had not interfered, that would have been my role.

"I know my batting record is poor when I have kept wicket but I honestly believe that is coincidence. It is harder work but, in the middle order, there is no reason why I should not do both jobs and still make runs. I've done it for Surrey, after all."

Mention the captaincy and he shakes his head impatiently. "Graham should do it for the whole summer. You never know, he might even go to the West Indies again. He has been brilliant as captain and, without exception, the players support and respect him.

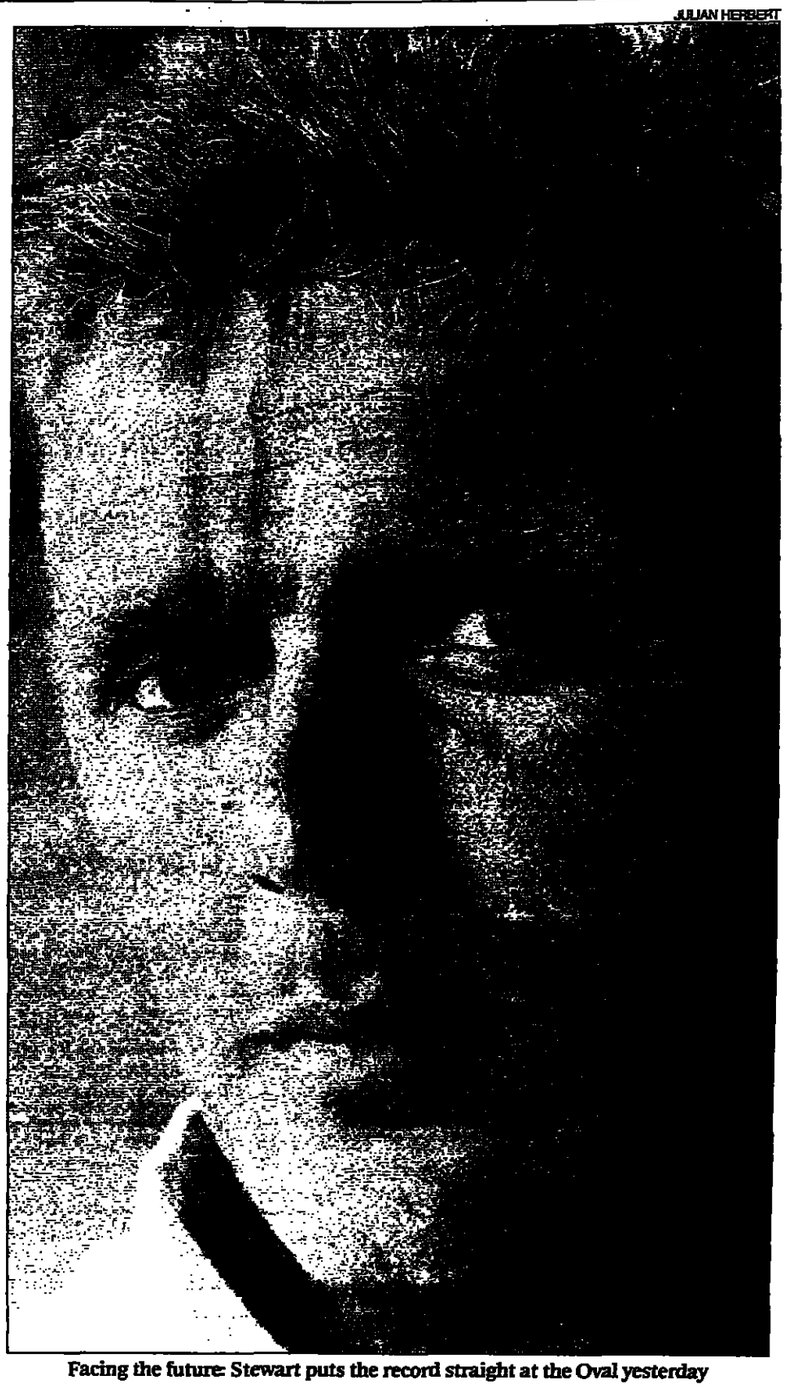
"It is a sad trait of being English that we shoot down our sporting heroes as soon as anything goes wrong. The past is forgotten. In football, the manager gets the sack and, in cricket, it is the captain who takes the stick.

"If the job was offered to me, I would say yes. Anybody would. It is my ambition to be captain at some stage but I have learnt a lot from Graham and I think the whole team wants him to see out the series."

They were heartfelt words. When the captaincy is next reviewed, Stewart's file may include a few minus marks for histrionics on the field but his loyalty to the old regime is beyond reproach.

And if he does eventually take charge, one can only hope that he knows his role in the side because, far from Stewart making the selectors' lives difficult, there is a case for believing the reverse has been the case.

JULIAN HERBERT



Facing the future: Stewart puts the record straight at the Oval yesterday

Lamb and Loye put Northants into semi-finals

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

IT TOOK Northamptonshire took just 40 minutes to complete a seven-wicket victory over Hampshire at Southampton yesterday and earn a place against Derbyshire at Derby in the semi-final of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

After heavy overnight rain had forced a delayed start — and given Hampshire, the holders, brief hope — Allan Lamb and Mal Loye, old stager and young blood, saw their side home with eight balls to spare and seven wickets in hand.

Hampshire's season is beginning to fall apart already. They are bottom of the county championship table, out of the 55-over competition, and paddling about with all the power and direction of a broken pedallo.

The change in fortunes has not been lost on their captain, Mark Nicholas. "In the first half of last season, we played the best cricket I had ever seen from a Hampshire team. This year, we are playing the worst," Nicholas said.

"To be brutal about it, we are not batting well enough and not bowling well enough. It's as simple as that, but it's very difficult to know why."

Hampshire had worked their way into a half-decent position when bad light stopped play with just over ten overs left on Tuesday night, but they mislaid their spirit overnight. Aware that they would win on faster run-rate if the match had to be abandoned without further play yesterday, Hampshire's main challenge was to persuade the two umpires that the ground was much too wet for play.

Nicholas could not have made his point more forcefully if he had waded out in fly fisherman's galoshes. He padded to and fro, looking mournfully at the leaden skies, prodding the turf with his Hush Puppies and shaking his head.

Lamb, bright and breezy in maroon tracksuit, looked ready to play any time. Thanks to the combined efforts of the groundstaff and a drying wind, play began nearly three hours late.

When it did so, Hampshire looked decidedly ragged, as if the match had been lost already. Admittedly, they had suffered the worst of the conditions throughout the previous day, but had Marshall been able to extract one wicket from his final two overs yesterday, Hampshire still had a glimmer of a chance.

Marshall did prove the key. His two overs cost 23 runs and effectively sealed victory for Northamptonshire, who rattled along happily at the required rate of six an over. Loye, a product of the England Under-19 side, followed Lamb's lead, smiting Marshall through mid-wicket for four and losing nothing in comparison with his captain.

Felton won the man-of-the-match award for his foundation innings on the first evening.

Northamptonshire are relishing their form. "When you start winning, it gets into the system," Lamb said. "But when you get into a bad rut, you don't mind losing. My guys have got the taste of winning." Hampshire have lost all flavour of it.

HAMPSHIRE: 223-7 (55 overs) (V P Terry 78).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Aymes b Connor	30
N A Felton st Aymes b Turner	73
R J Bailey run out	45
*A J Lamb not out	31
M B Loye not out	31
Extras (lb 3, w 5, nb 9)	17
Total (3 wkts, 53.4 overs)	227

K M Curran, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, C E L Ambrose, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-157, 3-160.

BOWLING: Marshall 11-1-48-0; Connor 10.4-1-43-1; Udal 11-1-44-0; Ayling 10-0-37-0; Turner 11-0-33-1.

Umpires: K E Palmer and M J Kitchen.

Gold award: N A Felton.

Poor advertisement can motivate Australians

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE OVAL (second day of three): The Australians, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 299 runs ahead of Surrey

BEFORE a ball has been bowled in the Test series that starts at Old Trafford a week today, one record is surely beyond the scope of all mortals. Overnight, outside the gates, at the Vauxhall End, a giant poster appeared which, for unbridled vulgarity, is unbeatable.

It reads "Watch out for your bails, Australia". This slice of sub-Wildean wit, by Saatchi and Saatchi on behalf of the Yorkshire brewery that sponsors England, accompanies a team picture of whom only five players can be sure of playing at Manchester — unless Leeds knows something Lord's does not. If cricket-lovers feel affronted by this advert, nobody should be surprised. Three players, including Michael Atherton, whom everyone knows would rather be at home with a serious novel, stare out from the billboard behind their visors, looking more like urban guerillas than cricketers.

Who on earth are they kidding? England's Test side was walloped in India and Sri Lanka. The one-day side has just been sent packing by an Australian team only warming up for the main contest. Now comes this vainglorious poster. Antipodean buttocks must be all a-quiver.

It is an apt week for the publication of Graeme Wright's book, *Betrayal: The Struggle for Cricket's Soul*, which, among other things, traces the emergence of such commercial opportunism. Cricketers are not best served by this sort of trailor: it demeans the game. Cricket followers do not like it any more: it makes them feel queasy.

What gives most offence is the forced tone. The English are famous for irony and understatement, not boasting, and there might well be some faces redder than the huntsman's jacket on the sponsor's beer pump long before the Test sides conclude the series here in August.

Surrey know what perils may befall a side choc-full of misplaced optimism. Last month, their captain was candid enough to suggest that all four competitions were within their reach. Then came that calamitous reverse against Lancashire in the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Alec Stewart, watching from the dressing room, could derive little pleasure from their batting yesterday. Were it not for some defiant blows from Tony Murphy, one of nature's most convincing No 11s, they would now be following on.

Murphy spent four months last winter in Argentina, but he needs a bit more than a pair of castinets to resemble Carmen Miranda. You could have got shorter odds on a golden eagle landing on the square than on Murphy pulling Shane Warne for six over the longest boundary. But, however improbably, that is how he saved Surrey's bacon.

None of the recognised batsmen played Warne with such certainty. When Kersey, sweeping, was trapped leg-before to a ball that went straight on just before lunch, the leg spinner had taken three for seven in 37 balls and Surrey, previously 120 for two, had lost five wickets for 15 runs.

Lynch, having survived an early blast from Holdsworth, was bowled round his legs, another erring sweeper. Julian took time to find a decent length, which is putting it politely. Talk of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers — he bowled six wides in seven overs before switching to the pavilion end.

The tourists have so far added 152 to a first innings lead of 147. Hayden chopped-on to Kendrick and Slater, who has greater need of runs, edged the last ball of the day to slip. But if the advert is to be believed, he should be defending his bails from now on.

SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 378-9 dec (M E Waugh 178, D R Martyn 84, G P Thorpe 4 for 40)

Second Innings

M J Slater c Lynch b Murphy	50
M L Hayden b Kendrick	33
M A Taylor not out	67
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (2 wkts)	152

M E Waugh, D R Martyn, †T J Zoehrer, *A R Border, S P Julian, P R Reiffel, S K Warne and W J Holdsworth.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-152.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Waugh b Holdsworth	15
*M A Lynch b Warne	48
G P Thorpe c Warne b Julian	3
A D Brown c Border b Reiffel	35
D M Ward c Martyn b Reiffel	9
M A Butcher lbw b Warne	4
†G J Kersey lbw b Warne	1
N M Kendrick c Taylor b Waugh	41
J Boiling run out	19
J E Benjamin c Zoehrer b Holdsworth	4
A J Murphy not out	24
Extras (b 2, lb 14, w 8, nb 4)	28
Total	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-37, 3-120, 4-122, 5-127, 6-135, 7-135, 8-196, 9-201.

BOWLING: Holdsworth 17-2-81-2; Julian 15-4-31-1; Warne 23.5-8-68-3, Reiffel 10-3-22-2, Waugh 5-2-13-1.

Umpires: V A Holder and N T Plews.

Semi-final draw gives Leicestershire hope

BY ALAN LEE

THE semi-final draw of the Benson and Hedges Cup has given Leicestershire a third successive home tie and an unexpected chance of appearing in consecutive Lord's finals. More crucially for the game at large, it presents a test of the competition's public appeal.

Even allowing for two games being disrupted by bad weather, the crowds for the quarter-finals this week were uniformly disappointing. None of the four games, all played on provincial grounds, was sold out and Hove and Grace Road, venues far from sated with the big occasion, were half-full at best.

This has something to do with the admission charge, payable even by members who have already paid upwards of £50 for their season's cricket. It was £12 a head on Tuesday, which rises to £14 for the semi-finals on June 8. Many members resent the cost of a competition which has never had the attraction of the older knockout event, the NatWest Trophy.

Leicestershire, unfashionable at the best of times, should fill Grace Road for the visit of the favourites, Lancashire. Northamptonshire, who beat Leicestershire in the NatWest final last year, have had contrasting fortune with the draw and must travel for the third time.

DRAW: Leicestershire v Lancashire, Derbyshire v Northamptonshire. *Matches to be played on Tuesday, June 8*

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings, avg 40.16

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
D Byas	5	8	2	477	156	79.50	1	3
N Hussain	5	7	0	496	152	70.85	3	1
G A Gooch	4	7	1	397	105	66.16	1	3
M A Atherton	5	8	1	442	137	63.14	2	1
M R Benson	3	6	0	367	107	61.16	2	2
H Morris	5	8	1	428	109*	61.14	2	2
A P Wells	4	6	0	362	120	60.33	1	2
G D Lloyd	6	11	1	584	116	58.40	2	2
I V A Richards	4	7	1	291	109*	48.50	1	2
R J Blakey	5	9	2	335	95	47.85	—	2
R D B Croft	5	9	2	334	107	47.71	1	1
T S Curtis	4	7	0	329	113	47.00	1	1
M D Moxon	5	8	0	423	91	47.00	—	4
J P Crawley	7	12	1	496	86	45.09	—	4
M N Lathwell	4	7	0	304	99	43.42	—	3
A A Metcalfe	5	8	1	295	133*	42.14	1	1
C L Cairns	4	7	0	291	93	41.57	—	2
R T Robinson	4	8	0	325	112	40.62	1	2
V P Terry	4	7	0	283	117	40.42	2	—
M R Ramprakash	3	6	0	241	75	40.16	—	2

Compiled by Richard Lockwood

Bowling

Qualification: 10 wickets, avg 21.00

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
T A Munton	112	43	203	14	14.50	7-41	1	—
E E Hemmings	130.4	43	305	21	14.52	7-31	2	1
Mushtaq Ahmed	79.2	21	224	15	14.93	5-51	2	1
K M Curran	127.2	39	317	18	17.38	5-28	1	—
M A Robinson	119	34	227	13	17.46	7-47	1	—
M P Bicknell	150.2	47	351	20	17.55	6-43	2	1
J A Afford	184.1	65	405	23	17.60	5-78	1	—
A R Caddick	150.3	29	434	24	18.08	9-32	2	2
D G Cork	118.3	30	275	15	18.33	3-21	—	—
M G Field-Buss	105	40	243	13	18.69	6-42	1	—
P J Newport	128.5	28	318	17	18.70	6-63	1	—
R D Stemp	130.5	47	287	15	19.13	6-82	1	—
S L Watkin	154	35	462	24	19.25	5-71	2	—
A L Penberthy	70	16	200	10	20.00	5-37	1	—
M Davies	107.1	22	261	13	20.07	5-67	2	1
F D Stephenson	87	21	241	12	20.08	4-45	—	—
R P Davis	214	62	490	24	20.41	7-127	2	1
J D Batty	100	22	268	13	20.61	5-36	1	—
P J Martin	105.2	35	269	13	20.69	5-35	1	—
R D B Croft	164.5	73	315	15	21.00	4-55	—	—

Source: TCCB official statistics

Somerset honour Botham and Richards

BY JACK BAILEY

VIV Richards, Ian Botham and Joel Garner have been welcomed in from the cold by Somerset. An announcement yesterday indicated that an offer of honorary life membership has been accepted by all three. It is an appropriate ending — in keeping with the game's best traditions — to a rift which split the club at the end of the 1986 season and has since remained an emotive subject among Somerset cricket followers.

Somerset in 1986 was a crumbling house divided. The club had been bottom of the championship for two years and the committee decided that Richards and Garner had to go. From the start, Botham declared that if they went, he would. "Botham's army" took on the committee. Although the committee's decision was upheld, by a majority of 2-1 amongst the members at a special general meeting, Botham was as good as his word and went to Worcestershire.

In the case of Richards, arrangements have already been made to mark his honorary life membership at the Axa Equity & Law League match on Sunday, May 30. Similar occasions for Garner and Botham will be organised.

Somerset's announcement expressed delight that the offer of life membership had been accepted: "The fact of the matter is that all three players, by their own cricketing performances on the field, brought both success to the club and enjoyment to the members and supporters. It is therefore fitting that they, too, should be part of that illustrious list of players appointed honorary life members in recognition of their achievements. They have always been welcome at this club and obviously that situation continues."

None of the players was available for comment, but Botham's wife, Kathy, said: "Ian accepted, immediately. He has always wanted bygones to be bygones."

☐ Yorkshire's overseas signing, Richie Richardson, has flown home to Antigua following the death of his mother. Richardson is expected to be back in time to play in Yorkshire's next match — in the championship against Glamorgan at Middlesbrough on June 3.

☐ Paul Johnson has resigned as vice-captain of Nottinghamshire. Johnson, as Tim Robinson's deputy in 1991, made his decision before the weekend, but his resignation was only accepted yesterday by the Nottinghamshire committee. He said he wants to concentrate purely on his batting.

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Tenby allays fears for Derby with authoritative workout

By Julian Muscat

AN ASSORTMENT of trainers, managers, agents, bookmakers' representatives and Fleet Street's finest assembled at Newmarket early yesterday to witness Tenby's last serious gallop before the Derby on Wednesday.

The occasion, although always well attended, had been lent an added poignancy this time round. Newmarket's notorious bush telegraph was putting it about that the Derby favourite had been singularly unimpressive on his last visit to the workplace. It was saying, in short, that Tenby was finished.

His trainer, Henry Cecil, had since issued countless reassurances on the horse's robust health. For all his broadcasts, those gathered on the Limekilns had clearly come to see for themselves. They could hardly have found both horse and trainer in better form.

Cecil, as ever, added his own impromptu sideshow to the more serious equine business. That he appeared relaxed and fully cooperative with his once-a-year audience should have allayed the worst fears. But suddenly the banter ceased, and some 60 pairs of binoculars focused exclusively on three thoroughbreds — two bays and a chestnut — stretching out across the turf.

By the time they reached us, Tenby had forged two lengths clear of Placerville and Wharf, with Pat Eddery probably grateful for the opportunity to loosen his grip on Tenby's reins. The colt had taken a strong hold throughout the ten furlongs.

This was certainly no breakneck gallop, but there could be no doubting Tenby's physical readiness for the ultimate test in six days' time. Nevertheless, Ladbrokes and Hills saw no reason to run for cover, maintaining Tenby's odds at 13-8 on and 7-4 on respectively.

Also in action was stable companion Commander In Chief, with Michael Kinane bestriding the strapping bay colt for the first time. Following immediately behind Tenby's group, Commander In Chief advertised his own well-being when leaving an admittedly-eased Allegan in his wake. Only heavy rain will prevent this partnership from reuniting at Epsom.

Should that happen, Armiger is expected to tackle the undulations instead. When the chestnut came up the Rubbing House Equitrack sand gallop yesterday, it was Kinane, once again, who held the reins. Eddery will have almost certainly indicated his preference for Regency in the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby), Armiger's probable destination.

Of Commander In Chief and Tenby, Cecil reported: "Both horses are in very good form. Tenby was pretty keen throughout his gallop and Pat was delighted with him. I can assure everyone that, at this stage, they are both very well." One more gentle stretching of the limbs, probably on Saturday, will complete Tenby's preparation.

Among the interested onlookers was Gerald Leigh, breeder and part-owner of Barathea, who worked impressively over ten furlongs the previous day. Connections are still unsure what the last two furlongs of the Derby will bring, but Barathea was not stopping at the end.

That special sense of anticipation as the Derby approaches is now upon everyone even remotely involved with the race. Imagine, then, the emotions currently embracing Khaled Abdulla's racing manager, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, who is fine-tuning running arrangements for all three colts to have dominated the build-up to this year's Derby: Tenby, Armiger and Commander In Chief.

So often has he been asked which of them will run that, in his own words: "The question has now become my mantra." It was with detached amusement that he viewed the throng gathered at Newmarket early yesterday.

Indeed, the eerie sight of a deserted central London on the outward journey was more than matched by the metamorphosis of the vast, empty spaces of Newmarket's grasslands into something akin to Piccadilly Circus in the rush hour.

Such a juxtaposition obviously appealed to Cecil's sense of humour as he circled incessantly on his hack. Rising to the occasion, Cecil identified each of his otherwise anonymous charges as they thundered across the heath, calling out the name of Call The Guvnor, a horse he trains, with particular relish.

And the name of his hack? "He's called Hopeful," Cecil said, with a smile. He can surely be more than that about Tenby's Derby chance.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SEROTINA (3.20 Carlisle)
Next best: Classic Sky (2.00 Brighton)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Classic pretenders: Pat Eddery and Tenby, nearside, sweep past two work companions at Newmarket yesterday

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Alcove
2.30 Golden Guest
3.00 Sun Chief
3.30 Proud Brigadier
4.00 Princess Evita
4.30 Palacegate Gold

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 GOLDEN GUEST

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Classic Sky. 2.30 Golden Guest

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 FRESHFIELD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,898: 5f 213yd) (5 runners)

1 (3) 54 ALCOVE 15 (Highclere Racing Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 L Piggott 84
2 (2) 3 CLASSIC SKY 14 (S Suhail) B Hanbury 9-0 W R Swinburn [illegible]
3 (4) 0 DEMI-PLIE 26 (Mrs C St George) D Loder 9-0 L Dettori –
4 (5) 35 NAKITA 34 (Theobalds Stud) C Allen 8-9 G Forster (7) 89
5 (1) TEXANNE (Mrs A Smith) A Smith (Bel) 8-9 I Ferguson –

BETTING: 5-4 Alcove, 6-4 Classic Sky, 7-1 Nakita, 10-1 Demi-Plie, 20-1 Texanne.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ALCOVE 13l 4th of 10 to Stonehatch in York (6f, good) stakes race. Previously 3l 5th of 14 to Montaya in Sandown (5f, good to soft) maiden. CLASSIC SKY 3¾l 3rd of 10 to State Performer in York (6f, good) maiden. DEMI-PLIE 7½l 8th of 16 to Sporting Warrior in Thirsk (5f, good) maiden auction. NAKITA 7¾l 6th of 12 to Rohda in Sandown (5f, good to firm) maiden auction. TEXANNE is a half-brother by Ellelo to a winner in France and bumper winner Texan Baby.
Selection: CLASSIC SKY

2.30 SHOREHAM MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,435: 6f 209yd) (9 runners)

1 (4) 20- DOMULLA 211 (A Boon) R Akehurst 9-0 T Quinn 76
2 (6) 000-00 MAGIC FAN 14 (B) (Cloud Nine Partnership) P Harris 9-0 N Adams –
3 (5) 0- SENOR L'AMOUR 321 (Mrs H Chitson) A Tuxwell 9-0 J Williams –
4 (9) 0-0 DUSTY'S DARLING 15 (B Miller) M Jarvis 8-9 P Robinson –
5 (1) 524-33 GOLDEN GUEST 6 (Exors of late Mrs V Hue-Williams) Mrs J Cecil 8-9 L Piggott [illegible]
6 (7) 0 LITTLE MISS RIBOT 12 (B Powis) R O'Sullivan 8-9 L Dettori –
7 (8) 55 PRINCESS HAYLEY 13 (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 8-9 W R Swinburn 88
8 (2) 0 SUEENA 19 (Ms S Tack) R Hodges 8-9 S Drowne (7) –
9 (3) 222- SUNTARA 223 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-9 M Roberts 89

BETTING: 8-11 Golden Guest, 3-1 Suntara, 7-1 Domulla, 12-1 Dusty's Darling, 16-1 Sueena, 20-1 others.

1992: OWNER'S DREAM 9-0 M Roberts (2-1) B Hanbury 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOMULLA 2¾l 2nd of 11 to Fabriana in Folkestone (6f, soft) maiden on first start last year. GOLDEN GUEST 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Waffle On in Newmarket (6f, good) maiden. Better effort when ¾l 3rd of 8 to Brockton Dancer in Kempton (6f, good) stakes race. PRINCESS HAYLEY 7¼l 5th of 20 to Mistle Cat in Newbury (1m, good) maiden. SUNTARA head 2nd of 11 to Lamu Lady in Catterick (7f, good) maiden final start last year.
Selection: GOLDEN GUEST

3.00 FRESHFIELD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,872: 5f 213yd) (6 runners)

1 (4) 0 BENFLEET 20 (C Donovan) R Armstrong 9-0 R Hills –
2 (6) 05 CONNECT 12 (Mrs J Hannon) B Meehan 9-0 B Rouse 91
3 (5) OLD HOOK (Mrs A Smith) A Smith (Bel) 9-0 Paul Smith –
4 (2) 00 RICHARD'S ERROR 20 (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery –
5 (1) 03 SUN CHIEF 10 (Pharoahs Lodge Ltd) B Hills 9-0 D Holland 92
6 (3) 2353 KERRIE-JO 14 (V,BF) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 8-9 J Williams [illegible]

BETTING: 4-6 Sun Chief, 3-1 Kerrie Joe, 7-1 Connect, 12-1 Benfleet, 20-1 others

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BENFLEET 13l 8th of 13 to High Domain in Lingfield (5f, good) maiden with RICHARD'S ERROR (same terms) 3l 10th. CONNECT 7l 5th of 19 to Prince Babar in Newbury (5f, good) maiden auction. OLD HOOK half-brother by Digamist to two winners abroad. SUN CHIEF 2¾l 3rd of 16 to Desert Lore in Bath (5f, good) maiden. KERRIE-JO 3¼l 3rd of 5 to Bearall in Brighton (6f, firm) stakes race.
Selection: SUN CHIEF

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Armstrong	3	6	50.0	L Dettori	22	78	28.2
M Prescott	18	70	25.7	W Carson	46	178	25.8
M Jarvis	9	39	23.1	R Hills	8	38	21.1
C Britain	6	28	21.4	M Roberts	20	106	18.9
R Akehurst	18	91	19.8	A Munro	16	87	18.4
R Hannon	36	186	19.4	G Duffield	20	109	18.3

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 FLANAGAN AND ALLEN HANDICAP (£3,054: 7f 214yd) (9 runners)

1 (2) 310004 SAAHI 20 (B,D,G,S) (M Peteri) C Weedon 4-10-0 Dale Gibson 92
2 (1) 40-6420 HOPEFUL BID 12 (F) (N Capon) R Hannon 4-10-0 A McGlone 98
3 (4) 223-041 PROUD BRIGADIER 10 (C,D,G) (M Lawrence) M Channon 5-9 5 (7ex) Lorna Vincent [illegible]
4 (3) 056000 NORTH ESK 30 (F) (A Speyer) D Wilson 4-9-4 M Wigham 82
5 (7) 421-100 MR NEVERMIND 15 (B,C,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 3-9-0 Candy Morris 90
6 (6) 00/006 MASTER REACH 17 (B) (F Allison) B Meehan 4-8-12 S Whitworth 88
7 (8) 50-0122 NAVARESQUE 1 (CD,F,G) (Mrs D Pickford) R Hodges 8-8-7 T Sprake 95
8 (9) 24040-1 DEEVEE 14 (CD,F) (D Turner) C Benstead 4-8-7 C Rutter 96
9 (5) 0-02200 HITCHIN A RIDE 24 (G) (Noteworthy Friends) M Muggeridge 6-8-6 R Perham 91

BETTING: 3-1 Proud Brigadier, 7-2 Navaresque, 5-1 Hopeful Bid, 6-1 Deevee, 8-1 Hitchin A Ride, 10-1 Mr Nevermind, Saahi, 12-1 North Esk, 20-1 Master Reach.

1992: CAROMISH 5-8-8 M Wigham (20-1) M Usher 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOPEFUL BID neck 2nd of 13 to Soaking in Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm) rating related stakes race on penultimate start. PROUD BRIGADIER beat Credit Squeeze 3l in 18-runner Bath (1m, good) handicap. MR NEVERMIND 5l 7th of 9 to Fourforfun in Kempton (7f, good) handicap. Beat Royal Dartmouth 1l in 10-runner Folkestone (7f, good to firm) handicap on reappearance. NAVARESQUE ½l 3rd to Fiveofive here (7f 214yd) yesterday; previously short head 2nd of 16 to Aitch N'Bee in Lingfield (7f, good to soft) lady riders' handicap. DEEVEE beat Sal The Fashion 1½l in 13-runner Brighton (1m, firm) maiden handicap.
Selection: PROUD BRIGADIER (nap)

4.00 SEAFORD SELLING HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 3f 196yd) (14 runners)

1 (2) 0213-00 NOTED STRAIN 7 (D,G) (D Ahier) P Makin 5-10-0 W R Swinburn 83
2 (1) 305440 SINCLAIR LAD 12 (F,G) (Miss R Dobson) R Hodges 5-10-0 W Carson [illegible]
3 (3) 010-600 SEASIDE MINSTREL 30 (F,G) (C Electrical Ltd) R Manning 5 9-12 C Hodgson (5) 85
4 (4) 00540-0 REACH FOR GLORY 22 (F) (R Whitaker) B Whitaker 4-9-9 A Culhane 94
5 (7) 634/664 FANATICAL 21 (D,F) (Duckhaven Stud) R Baker 7-9-5 A Munro 89
6 (14) 520-000 GEORGE ROPER 8 (S) (K Higson) G L Moore 8-9-4 B Rouse 87
7 (11) 5000-31 PRINCESS EVITA 22 (D,F) (S Lury) R Guest 4-9-1 D-Harrison (3) 89
8 (10) 6000-00 RED JACK 31 (Miss L Morrison) J Akehurst 4-9-0 S Whitworth –
9 (8) 000/0-04 RAGTIME SONG 37 (W Alexander) R Akehurst 4-8-13 T Quinn 85
10 (5) 00500-0 CHINAMAN 14 (B) (W Wightman) W Wightman 4-8-8 J Williams 96
11 (6) 00060-0 JARZON DANCER 14J (B Forbes) D Wilson 5-8-5 W Newnes 83
12 (12) 000-022 RUBIDIAN 5 (BF) (Mrs F Watts) M Prescott 3-8-3 G Duffield 98
13 (9) 03000-0 DOTS DEE 22 (J Kearney) J Bradley 4-8-3 N Adams 85
14 (13) U/0000-0 BIJOU PRINCESS 12 (V) (A Bennett) A Bailey 5-7-8 A Tucker –

BETTING: 4-1 Sinclair Lad, 5-1 Noted Strain, 6-1 Princess Evita, 8-1 Fanatical, Ragtime Song, 10-1 Rubidian, 12-1 Reach For Glory, 14-1 George Roper, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SINCLAIR LAD 16l 4th of 18 to Tenayestelign in Warwick (1m 3f, soft) handicap with RAGTIME SONG (5lb worse off) 5l 8th and RED JACK tailed off last.
FANATICAL 20l 6th of 13 to Sword Master in Bath (1m 3f, good) handicap on penultimate start with SEASIDE MINSTREL (2lb better off) tailed off 12th. PRINCESS EVITA beat Post Impressionist 2l in 14-runner Edinburgh (1m 4f, good to firm) claiming handicap with DOTS DEE (8lb better off) 8l 8th and REACH FOR GLORY (9lb better off) 4l 12th. RUBIDIAN 3½l 2nd of 10 to Goodbye Millie in Catterick (1m 6f, good to soft) selling handicap.
Selection: PRINCESS EVITA

4.30 CLAYTON HANDICAP (£2,872: 5f 213yd) (8 runners)

1 (3) 25100-0 SURE LORD 26 (CD,F) (The Sussex Stud Ltd) W Muir 4-10-0 T Quinn 95
2 (1) 400-600 IRON KING 30 (B,C,D,F,G) (J Spearing) J Spearing 7-9-10 W Newnes 94
3 (2) 004- LORINS GOLD 290 (Mrs M Taylor) A Turnell 3-8-13 A McGlone 90
4 (8) 0600-00 YOUNG VALENTINE 12 (F) (The PBT Group) R Whitaker 4-8-13 A Culhane 96
5 (4) 24050-0 FARMER JOCK 10 (CD,F,S) (S Thompson) Mrs N Macauley 11-8-11 M Roberts 89
6 (7) 403163 PALACEGATE GOLD 5 (C,D,F,G) (R Hodges) R Hodges 4-8-10 W Carson [illegible]
7 (5) 0/5504-1 SAKHAROV 21 (CD,F) (J Good) M Jarvis 4-8-6 P Robinson 98
8 (6) 00-2306 SCORCHER 45 (B Veals) C Britain 3-8-2 B Doyle (3) 95

BETTING: 3-1 Palacegate Gold, 7-2 Sakharov, 5-1 Iron King, 6-1 Farmer Jock, 8-1 Sure Lord, Scorcher, 10-1 Lorins Gold, 12-1 Young Valentine.

1992: TOP ROYAL 3-8-5 W Carson (5-1) J Dunlop 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LORINS GOLD 4l 4th of 8 to Brigante Di Cielo in Windsor (5f, good) maiden auction in August. PALACEGATE GOLD 2l 3rd of 15 to Sir Joey in Lingfield (6f, good to soft) handicap. Earlier beat Cockerham Ranger 1l in 13-runner handicap here (5f 64yd, good) with IRON KING (8lb better off) 6l 9th.
SAKHAROV beat Clean Gale neck in 13-runner maiden handicap over course and distance (firm).
Selection: IRON KING

□ Placerville, Lower Egypt and Revelation are likely runners in the Prix Jean Prat at Longchamp on Sunday.

□ Zafonic heads 17 acceptors for the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot next month.

Piggott rejects Gisarne for Oaks

LESTER Piggott yesterday turned down the chance to ride Gisarne in the Oaks. He told trainer John Dunlop he is not interested in partnering the unbeaten filly at Epsom on Saturday week.

Piggott, a winner of the Oaks six times, may have been influenced by doubts about Gisarne's stamina for the one-and-a-half mile test.

But the move prompted speculation that Piggott, who has ridden a record 30 classic winners, hopes to be offered the ride on the strongly-fancied Yawl.

Unlike many of the leading Oaks contenders, Yawl's owner, Dick Hollingsworth, does not have a retained jockey. But trainer Barry Hills may insist that Yawl is partnered by his stable jockey, Darryll Holland.

Hollingsworth insisted that he was not aware of any approach being made to Piggott. "Nothing's been finalised, but it may well be that Darryll Holland will keep the ride," he said.

Yawl, 4-1 favourite for the Oaks with William Hill, is yet to be confirmed a starter at Epsom on Saturday week.

Pat Eddery deputised for the suspended Holland when the filly, making her seasonal debut, finished a head second to Gisarne in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood seven days ago.

Hills stressed immediately after that race that Yawl was far from guaranteed to take her place in the Oaks. But she has come in for steady support in the betting in anticipation of being given the go-ahead.

Yawl was due to be put through a workout yesterday, but that had to be shelved after torrential rain flooded the Lambourn gallops. She is now expected to go on trial at home today before Hills makes an Epsom decision.

Cash Asmussen is the favourite to take over on Gisarne. However, should the American also reject the filly, Richard Quinn is likely to step in.

Fatherland works well

FATHERLAND, the subject of a pre-Derby scare when an abcess on his forefoot was diagnosed early last week, is once again firmly on the road to Epsom (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

The Sadler's Wells colt had his first piece of fast work at Ballydoyle yesterday since running second to Barathea in the Irish 2,000 Guineas and acquitted himself well over six furlongs.

Vincent O'Brien was using the workout to test soundness rather than stamina and his ability to stay one and a half miles is something only the race itself will tell.

The news of the gallop came from Vincent's wife, Jacqueline, who is keenly looking forward to the prospect of having her colours carried for the first time in the Derby. Her husband has won the Epsom classic six times.

Fatherland will have one more fast piece of work at the weekend before the big race.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.20 Mountain Willow. 2.50 American Hero. 3.20 City Times. 3.50 Ballyranter. 4.20 So Superb. 4.50 BRIGGSMAID (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 SEROTINA (nap).

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 TAUNTON DRY BLACKTHORN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,467: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1 3303 PALACEGATE SUNSET 5 (V,S) J Berry 9-3 J Carroll 1
2 06 THE BRACKETEER 31 Mrs S Austin 8-8 K Fallon 3
3 313- FUNNY CHOICE 320 (F) P Monteith 8-7 O Pears (5) 2
4 2284 MOUNTAIN WILLOW 5 (V) Mrs A Swinbank 8-5 K Darley 4
5 80-5 JENDORCET 17 T Fairhurst 8-1 J Fanning 6
6 5350 NANCY 9 W Elsey 7-13 S Maloney (3) 5

7-4 Mountain Willow, 5-2 Palacegate Sunset, 7-2 Funny Choice, 6-1 others.

2.50 HEINEKEN EXPORT HANDICAP (£3,287: 7f 214yd) (19)

1 60-4 AMERICAN HERO 21 (CD,F) R Allan 5-10-0 Stephen Davies (5) 15
2 014- EXPRESS GIFT 321 (C,D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13 Darren Moffatt (5) 16
3 10-0 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 41 (CD,F,S) J Spearing 6-9-8 K Darley 7
4 40-0 OPEN AGENDA 17 K White 4-9-6 J Quinn 2
5 0-10 GOOD FOR THE ROSES 10 (CD,G,S) M McCormack 7-9-3 A Clark 9
6 11/0-0 ZEPPEKI 19 (CD,F,G) M Hammond 5-9-3 J Carroll 3
7 -050 TOUCH ABOVE 19 (BF,F) T Barron 7-8-9 R Cochrane 8
8 00-0 VERDANT BOY 22 (D,F,G,S) M Wane 10-8-9 N Connorton 4
9 6104 SHANNON EXPRESS 20 (V,D,F,G,S) E Alston 8-8-8 K Fallon 11
10 -010 MALCESINE 5 (D,F) J Wilson 4-8-8 J Fortune 19
11 0206 ANAR 17 (F) S Norton 4-8-8 O Pears (5) 18
12 5002 PRIDE OF PENDLE 17 (D,F,S) P Calver 4-8-6 Dean McKeown 10
13 050/0 SKOLERN 13 (F,G) A Harrison 9-8-3 J Fanning 17
14 -000 MARY MACBLAIN 17 J Harris 4-8-0 S Maloney (3) 6
15 /000 ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 8 B McMahon 4-7-12 J Lowe 14
16 000- KICK ON MAJESTIC 230J (G) N Bycroft 4-7-10 NON-RUNNER 1
17 5584 COOL ENOUGH 10 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 12-7-10 A Mackay 12
18 5000/ HYDROPIC 5J D Chapman 6-7-8 S Wood 5
19 600- GOLDEN ANCONA 69J (G,S) M Brittain 10-7-7 L Charnock 13

6-1 American Hero, 7-1 Express Gift, 8-1 Good For The Roses, Pride Of Pendle, 10-1 Lawnswood Junior, Cool Enough, 12-1 Shannon Express, Anar, 14-1 others.

3.20 BODDINGTONS BITTER MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (£3,611: 7f 214yd) (10)

1 2-82 SHALABIA 20 C Parker 4-9-7 J Carroll 4
2 35- AL SHAATI 225 M Stoute 3-8-9 K Darley 8
3 32 BALNAHA 24 G Wragg 3-8-9 M Hills 6
4 D BILOELA 13 Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-9 K Fallon 10
5 00-0 CITY TIMES 8 B McMahon 3-8-9 M Birch 9
6 6 CRYSTAL REAY 28 L Cumani 3-8-9 R Cochrane 5
7 HUNTERS OF BRORA J Bethell 3-8-9 Dean McKeown 2
8 0-2 SEROTINA 30 W Jarvis 3-8-9 M Tebbutt 1
9 SUSPECT Mrs S Bradburne 3-8-9 J Lowe 3
10 5 SWEETWATER MOON 10 Mrs A Swinbank 3-8-9 J Fortune 7

5-2 Serotina, 3-1 Balnaha, 7-2 Crystal Reay, 11-2 City Times, 6-1 others.

3.50 HEINEKEN LAGER HANDICAP (£3,184: 6f 206yd) (14)

1 1510- CELESTINE 244 (D,F,G,S) T Fairhurst 4-9-10 J Fanning 1
2 0-01 DESERT SPLENDOUR 13 (D,G,S) B Cambidge 5-9-8 J Lowe 5
3 51-0 HAND ON HEART 21 (CD,F,G) P Monteith 4-9-6 O Pears (5) 9
4 500- KUMMEL KING 184 (CD,F,G) E Alston 5-9-5 K Fallon 8
5 3153 BALLAD DANCER 5 (D,G,S) P Calver 8-9-5 Darren Moffatt (5) 10
6 050- NORTHERN SPARK 271 (D,G) C Thornton 5-9-0 N Connorton 12
7 3023 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 17 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-12 M Birch 7
8 50-0 SECOND COLOURS 57 (F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-12 K Darley 2
9 0200 TWILIGHT FALLS 20 (F,S) M Camacho 8-8-11 Dean McKeown 6
10 2003 BALLYRANTER 20 (G) H Collingridge 4-8-8 J Quinn 14
11 00-1 SUSANNA'S SECRET 10 (D,F,S) S Norton 6-8-6 (6ex) S Maloney (3) 13
12 0243 CHANTRY BELLINI 10 (B) C Thornton 4-8-5 N Carlisle 4
13 5-00 DANDY DESIRE 7 B Morgan 4-8-4 L Charnock 3
14 000- KICK ON MAJESTIC 230J (D,F,G) N Bycroft 4-7-9 S Wood 11

9-2 Susanna's Secret, 6-1 Ballad Dancer, 7-1 Desert Splendour, 8-1 Second Colours, Ballyranter, 10-1 Fletcher's Bounty, 12-1 Chantry Bellini, Twilight Falls, 14-1 Celestine, Hand On Heart, 16-1 others.

4.20 BRITVIC SOFT DRINKS LIMITED STAKES (£2,825: 5f) (13)

1 0-30 LOFT BOY 13 (B,D,F,G,S) J Bethell 10-9-7 Dean McKeown 8
2 -050 MASTER POKEY 12 (F,G,S) M W Easterby 9-9-7 P Johnson (7) 9
3 563- NORTH OF WATFORD 280 (C,D,F,G,S) M Wane 8-9-7 L Charnock 5
4 303- ROCK OPERA 181 (D,F) M Naughton 5-9-7 V Halliday (7) 6
5 2441 SLADES HILL 3 (D,F,G,S) T Barron 6-9-7 R Cochrane 2
6 0611 SO SUPERB 5 (B,D,S) M Dods 4-9-7 J Lowe 7
7 00-3 STATE FLYER 12 (B,G) G Oldroyd 5-9-7 J Marshall (7) 1
8 00-0 FILICAIA 28 (CD,F,G) E Incisa 7-9-2 Kim Tinkler 3
9 00-0 MY ABBEY 21 (D,F) E Alston 4-9-2 K Fallon 12
10 05/4 MILU 12 (G) B McMahon 5-9-2 M Birch 10
11 50-1 COCONUT JOHNNY 6 (D,F,S) G Moore 3-8-12 J Fanning 4
12 4-00 CREAGMHOR 10 M Bolton 3-8-12 R P Elliott 11
13 40-3 TREVORSNINEPOINTS 6 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-7 K Darley 13

11-4 So Superb, 4-1 Slades Hill, 9-2 Trevorsninepoints, 11-2 Coconut Johnny, 8-1 State Flyer, 10-1 Master Pokey, 12-1 Loft Boy, 14-1 others.

4.50 BULMERS STRONGBOW HANDICAP (£3,080: 1m 6f 32yd) (8)

1 231/0- DIZZY 19J (F,S) P Monteith 5-10-0 O Pears (5) 8
2 3-10 GREY POWER 22J (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-11 K Darley 4
3 00-4 BRIGGSMAID 19 (D,F,G) J Eustace 5-9-8 M Tebbutt 6
4 211- TRUMP 29J (G) C Parker 4-9-8 J Carroll 1
5 5416 CONTINUITY 12 (CD,G) E Alston 4-9-6 K Fallon 7
6 -530 WEST WITH THE WIND 9 (F,G) M Dods 8-8-11 J Lowe 2
7 0/0 CHADWICK'S GINGER 24 B Morgan 5-8-3 Dean McKeown 3
8 -500 GREY COMMANDER 5 (G) M Brittain 5-7-7 A Mackay 5

3-1 Briggsmaid, 4-1 Continuity, 9-2 Grey Power, 5-1 Dizzy, 6-1 Trump, West With The Wind, 14-1 Grey Commander, 20-1 Chadwick's Ginger

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 3 from 10, 30%; M Stoute, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Berry, 24 from 113, 21.2%; E Alston, 5 from 29, 17.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 6 from 42, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Tebbutt, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; R Cochrane, 5 from 20, 25%; Dean McKeown, 23 from 128, 18%; K Darley, 17 from 109, 15.6%; R P Elliott, 3 from 22, 13.6%; J Carroll, 15 from 119, 12.6%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton 2.30 Magic Fan. 3.00 Kerrie-Jo. 3.30 Master Reach.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

2.10 Maneree. 2.40 Northern Jinks. 3.10 Loch Dulch. 3.40 Secret Liason. 4.10 Over The Stream. 4.40 Roc Color. 5.10 Coney Road.

GOING: SOFT SIS

2.10 VOWCHURCH NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 3f 110yd) (15 runners)

1 2411 BRIGGS LAD 15 (B,CD,F) K Bailey 4-11-10 J Osborne
2 000- CAPTAIN MANNERING 376 T Price 8-11-2 G McCourt
3 3- CLASSIC CONTACT 505 N Mason 7-11-2 J Supple (7)
4 0P GAYLIGHT 15 J Holcombe 6-11-2 Gary Lyons
5 5P33 GRAIN MERCHANT 45 (V) F Yardley 7-11-2 A Maguire
6 550P LOUIS FARRELL 99 D Wintle 8-11-2 Mr S Blackwell
7 26PP SARAH'S WROATH 47 M Scudamore 8-11-2 R Bellamy
8 5523 SINGING DETECTIVE 8 (V) P McEntee 6-11-2 G Crone (7)
9 0 SKYLARKIN 14 F Jordan 7-11-2 J Lodder
10 6P00 WALKERS POINT 13 (G) J Edwards 7-11-2 N Williamson
11 0022 MANEREE 14 (G) N Callaghan 6-10-11 D Murphy
12 0F NOW BOARDING 7 Mrs J Wonnacott 6-10-11 Miss A Turner
13 00PP PEACEFUL POLLY 6 M Tate 5-10-11 W Marston (3)
14 6000 PROSPECT OF WHITBY 14 P Pritchard 7-10-11 R Davis (5)
15 06 ICE WALK 14 M Wilkinson 4-10-5 L Harvey

6-4 Maneree, 9-4 Briggs Lad, 6-1 Classic Contact, 10-1 Grain Merchant, 12-1 Singing Detective, 20-1 others.

2.40 COTSWOLD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,906: 2m 3f) (9)

1 2112 NORTHERN JINKS 30 (G,S) R Dickin 10-12-0 D Meredith (3)
2 05R2 THE LEGGETT 7 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 10-11-9 M Foster
3 4341 LITTLE TOM 14 (F,S) J King 8-10-1 M Hourigan (3)
4 P-5P SMITHY BEAR 12 (B,C,F,S) K Bridgwater 11-10-0 W Humphreys
5 5003 COURT RAPIER 16 (CD,F,G) Mrs H Parrott 11-10-0 D Leahy (5)
6 3242 AUVILLAR 44 (V,G,S) D Burchell 5-10-0 D J Burchell
7 550F CLEANING UP 16 (F) A Chamberlain 11-10-0 A Webb
8 U3P3 AUGUST FOLLY 6 (F) R Price 13-10-0 R Davis (5)
9 2562 TAFFY JONES 68 (C,F,G,S) M McCormack 14-10-0 C Maude

2-1 Northern Jinks, 11-4 Little Tom, 4-1 The Leggett, 6-1 Auvillar, 10-1 Taffy Jones, 12-1 Court Rapier, 20-1 others.

3.10 ORCOP SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,004: 2m 1f) (22)

1 2540 BURN BRIDGE 104 (B,D,F,S) T Caldwell 7-11-10 Pat Caldwell
2 0UU1 JOHNSTED 15 (G) W Clay 7-11-0 Diane Clay
3 0420 NEARCTIC BAY 33 (S) T Bill 7-11-0 M Hourigan (3)
4 0303 COMEDY RIVER 14F (BF,G) J Spearing 6-11-0 D Byrne
5 6230 THE YOMPER 27 (G,S) R Curtis 11-10-13 G Crone (7)
6 2843 SHOW THE FLAG 8 K Bailey 5-10-12 J Osborne
7 4PP0 SAINT BENE'T 69 (F) K Wingrove 5-10-12 R Farrant (5)
8 00F4 PERSIAN VALLEY 68 (B,F) F Jordan 8-10-11 J Lodder
9 2P06 CHARLIE BURTON 250 (B,F) G Jones 11-10-10 H Davies
10 0330 EARLY BREEZE 21 (F,G) Mrs M McCourt 7-10-8 G McCourt
11 0U00 NO BONUS 19 (F) R Baker 9-10-8 L Harvey
12 5F-P LOCH DUICH 2F (G) R Hodges 7-10-5 R Dunwoody
13 00P0 AFARISTOUN 16 (D,F,B,S) J Edwards 9-10-3 Mr T Jenks (5)
14 24P5 DECIDING BID 45 (F,G) J Long 7-10-3 Leesa Long (7)
15 26U0 OK RECORDS 26 O O'Neill 6-10-3 V Slattery (3)
16 0305 SOVEREIGN NICHE 16 (V,G) A Barrow 5-10-0 W Irvine
17 /5-40 ITS ALL OVER NOW 20 (V,F) Mrs A King 9-10-0 A Maguire
18 P5P0 SEE NOW 196 (D,F,S) Mrs A Knight 8-10-0 S McNeill
19 0PP- FERN HEIGHTS 24F C Broad 6-10-0 A Flannigan (7)
20 050F LANE LAD 24 (G) Mrs J Wonnacott 9-10-0 Mrs G Wonnacott
21 0P-PP MUMMY'S SONG 24 (C,F) J Harriman 8-10-0 I Lawrence
22 0U5P RIP THE CALICO 6 P Burgoyne 5-10-0 A Charlton

6-1 Johnsted, 7-1 Comedy River, 8-1 Afaristoun, Loch Duich, 9-1 Show The Flag, OK Records, 10-1 Early Breeze, No Bonus, 12-1 Saint Bene't, Its All Over Now, 14-1 Burn Bridge, No Bonus, 16-1 others.

3.40 TYBERTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,074: 2m 3f 110yd) (8)

1 3241 THE BLACK MONK 23 (V,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 D Richmond
2 P1P4 PARDON ME MUM 5 (B,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-8 J McCarthy
3 2564 TARKOVSKY 40 (V,S) R Lee 8-11-2 Leanne Eldredge (5)
4 2/P06 HAITHAM 14 (B) R Buckler 6-10-8 W Marston
5 31U0 SULTAN'S SON 19 (F,G) J Upson 7-10-4 J James (5)
6 3003 SECRET LIASON 19 (B,G) K Bridgwater 7-10-1 M Hourigan
7 -020 BURSANA 13 (F) J Spearing 7-10-0 P Maddock (5)
8 FF35 BY FAR 17F (F) O O'Neill 7-10-0 V Slattery

7-4 The Black Monk, 7-2 Pardon Me Mum, 5-1 Secret Liason, 6-1 Tarkovsky, 10-1 Bursana, 12-1 Sultan's Son, 14-1 By Far, 25-1 Haitham.

4.10 CRASWELL NOVICES CHASE (£2,372: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 3136 LIRIE LAD 15 (F) P Rodford 7-11-10 T Thompson (7)
2 1462 OVER THE STREAM 22 (F) M Hammond 7-11-10 P Niven
3 P60P BLACK HORSE LAD 7 (S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-4 M A Fitzgerald
4 PPPP HORCUM 16 (V) P Pritchard 8-11-4 A Webb
5 P435 K C'S DANCER 7 R Dickin 8-11-4 A Maguire
6 4432 MR MAYFAIR 6 (S) J Edwards 10-11-4 N Williamson

11-8 Mr Mayfair, 2-1 Over The Stream, 4-1 K C's Dancer, 10-1 Lirie Lad, 25-1 others.

4.40 MICHAELCHURCH NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 1f) (8)

1 3133 ALWAYS READY 68 (G) R Lee 7-11-10 A Maguire
2 4026 COURT CIRCULAR 12 (B,G) W Clay 4-11-10 Diane Clay
3 1336 ROC COLOR 26 (S) C Brooks 4-11-5 G Bradley
4 U120 SHELLY'S FOLLY 8 (F) R Hodges 8-10-10 R Dunwoody
5 P000 PRIDEWOOD GOLDING 15 R Price 6-10-4 R Davis (5)
6 P0F0 FAIR PLUME 13 (V,F) Mrs A King 7-10-0 S McNeill
7 0440 TAILSPIN 7 (B) Mrs J Scrivens 8-10-0 M Foster
8 0P05 COOCHIE 19 (B) R Baker 4-10-0 L Harvey

9-4 Always Ready, 3-1 Court Circular, 4-1 Roc Color, Shelly's Folly, 16-1 Pridewood Golding, 33-1 others.

5.10 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,245: 2m 1f) (17)

1 GUSHKA Mrs J Retter 6-11-3 E Tierney
2 RUE BALZAC N Callaghan 5-11-3 M Hourigan (3)
3 THE ELOPER Mrs I McKie 5-11-3 Mr E Bailey (7)
4 VARECK II (B) M Pipe 6-11-3 D Richmond (5)
5 BALLYMSYR S Mellor 4-10-12 A Procter (5)
6 CONEY ROAD Miss S Hall 4-10-12 S Taylor (7)
7 FAVOURITE SONG P Bradley 5-10-12 Mr B Leavy
8 PARTING MELODY R Lee 5-10-12 Leanne Eldredge (7)
9 RASCALETTO A James 6-10-12 W Marston (3)
10 SHE'S NO NUN S Christian 6-10-12 M McGoragle (5)
11 VILLAGE KID P Hedger 4-10-12 D O'Sullivan (3)
12 BOLD REINE R Hodges 4-10-7 T Thompson (7)
13 FINALLY FANTAZIA Mrs I McKie 4-10-7 Miss K Holmes
14 HOW HUMBLE B Baugh 4-10-7 G Robertson (7)
15 LE QUARANTIEME T Caldwell 4-10-7 Miss C Burgess (7)
16 ROLSTER PRINCESS A Forte 4-10-7 Tanya Braybrook (7)
17 SCORPOTINA A Bailey 4-10-7 D Walsh (5)

7-2 Rue Balzac, 4-1 Vareck II, 5-1 Gushka, 13-2 Ballymsyr, 8-1 Coney Road, 10-1 Parting Melody, 12-1 Bold Reine, 14-1 Village Kid, Scorpotina, 16-1 She's No Nun, The Eloper, 20-1 Parting Melody, Rascaletto, 25-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Buckler, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; S Christian, 6 from 17, 35.3%; M Pipe, 42 from 130, 32.3%; C Brooks, 5 from 17, 29.4%; D Burchell, 13 from 47, 27.7%; Mrs H Parrott, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: M McGoragle, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50%; J Osborne, 11 from 25, 44%; D J Burchell, 15 from 50, 30%; M Hourigan, 3 from 10, 30%; G Bradley, 3 from 12, 25%; R Dunwoody, 19 from 88, 21.6%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (5f 59yd) 1, Imperial Bailiwick (N Adams, 15-8); 2, Sweet Whisper (5-4 fav); 3, Mr Blobby (13-2). 8 ran. Nk, 1l. M Usher. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.15.

2.30 (5f 213yd) 1, Grecian Garden (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Rita's Joy (5-2); 3, Burma Star (16-1). 9 ran. 2½l, 1l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.54. No bid.

3.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Summer Pageant (W R Swinburn, 2-1 fav); 2, Hatta River (20-1); 3, Dutch Debutante (16-1). 8 ran. 3½l, 7l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £31.10. CSF: £36.00.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, Sun Of Spring (W R Swinburn, 11-4); 2, Ice Rebel (66-1); 3, Anorak (6-5 fav). 6 ran. 1l, sh hd. M Stoute. Tote: £4.40; £2.20, £9.40. DF: £60.60. CSF: £60.26.

4.00 (7f 214yd) 1, Fiveofive (Pat Eddery, 2-1, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Precious Air (7-1); 3, Navaresque (6-4 fav). 9 ran. Nk, nk. N Callaghan. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £9.80. CSF: £17.25. Tricast: £25.52.

4.30 (5f) 1, Play Hever Golf (D Holland, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Aragrove (4-1); 3, Tuscan Dawn (9-4 jt-fav). 6 ran. ½l, 3l. T Naughton. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £3.40. DF: £6.40. CSF: £10.94.

Placepot: £27.20.

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Hamilton Park

Going: good to soft

2.20 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Prime Painter (L Aspell, 6-4 fav); 2, Contract Elite (2-1); 3, Moonshine Dancer (8-1). 4 ran. 1½l, 12l. R Fisher. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.48.

2.50 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, Persuasive (Dale Gibson, 9-4 fav); 2, Borocay (12-1); 3, Fair Flyer (8-1). 9 ran. 2l, 3½l. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £1.90, £3.10. DF: £12.20. CSF: £25.05. Tricast: £161.38.

3.20 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Aegean Lady (J Carroll, 3-1); 2, No Submission (7-4 fav); 3, Take Your Partner (6-1). 5 ran. 3l, 2½l. J Etherington. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £2.10. CSF: £8.21.

3.50 (1m 65yd) 1, Guv'nors Gift (P Robinson, 1-8 fav); 2, Vitamer (10-1); 3, Nightmare Lady (25-1). 4 ran. NR: Lucky Owl. 1½l, 5l. M Tompkins. Tote: £1.10; £1.90. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.20. Lucky Owl (14-1) withdrawn, not under orders - rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound. Sold to Miss L Perratt for 8,600gns.

4.20 (6f 5yd) 1, Pete Afrique (K Darley, 7-2); 2, Monkey's Wedding (10-1); 3, Joe Jagger (10-1). Sweetings Pisces 7-4 fav. 9 ran. 8l, ½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £5.80; £1.70, £1.80, £3.00. DF: £22.40. CSF: £37.25.

4.50 (6f 5yd) 1, Arabat (K Fallon, 5-1); 2, Miss Whittingham (7-1); 3, Flashy's Son (14-1). Francis Ann 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 2½l, 4l. M Wane. Tote: £5.10; £2.60, £1.80, £4.10. DF: £11.70. CSF: £35.30. Tricast: £411.24.

Placepot: £37.40.

Cartmel

Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Kirstenbosch (F Perratt, 5-2 fav); 2, Tharsis (5-1); 3, As D'Eboli (6-1). 16 ran. NR: Arran View. 2½l, 2½l. L Lungo. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £16.30. CSF: £17.15. Bought in 2,800gns.

2.40 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Montpellier Lad (A Maguire, Evens jt-fav); 2, Boutzdaroff (Evens jt-fav); 3, Kamart (14-1). 5 ran. NR: Northern Jinks, One For The Pot, Ensharp. 5l, 8l. G Richards. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.45.

3.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Beaucadeau (A Dobbin, 7-1); 2, Ringland (4-1); 3, Whitewebb (8-1). Casual Pass 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 2½l, 3½l. M Barnes. Tote: £18.00; £4.20, £2.40, £4.70. DF: £26.70. CSF: £41.95. Tricast: £233.02. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Old Mortality (M A Fitzgerald, 9-1); 2, Denim Blue (13-8 fav); 3, Believe It (9-2). 8 ran. NR: Precipice Run, Always Ready. 6l, 1l. R Allan. Tote: £12.50; £2.50, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £17.30. CSF: £25.44.

4.10 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Mutual Trust (N Doughty, 4-6 fav); 2, Boarding School (4-1); †3, Into The Trees (16-1); †3, Zam Bee (7-1). 12 ran. NR: Queen's Chaplain, Equator. 4l, 10l. G Richards. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.00. Into The Trees £3.30, Zam Bee £0.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.01.

4.40 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Desert Mist (N Wilson, 100-30); 2, Festival Fancy (11-4 fav); 3, Lefkadio (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Preobrakensky, Tarkovsky, Celtic Breeze, Home To Roost. 3½l, 3½l. Denys Smith. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £4.90. CSF: £13.27. Tricast: £48.01.

5.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Exploration (A S Smith, 7-4 fav); 2, Wycliffe (7-1); 3, De Jordaan (2-1). 7 ran. NR: Jupiter Moon, Beccy Brown. 10l, 3l. K Morgan. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £2.90. DF: £14.00. CSF: £14.29.

Placepot: £7.00.

Foreman fulfils dream

TERRY Foreman saw a lifetime's dream come true at Brighton yesterday. The 72-year-old former owner of Newmarket's Bedford Lodge Hotel not only witnessed his own filly Fiveofive snatch the Royal Pavilion Handicap in the final strides, but he also backed all five other winners.

Foreman, whose colours were made famous in the late 1970s by the good two-mile chaser News King, said: "I've never been through the card before in half a century of trying. I've had 40 winners of my own but this is a really tremendous thrill.

"Fiveofive is a game little thing and has always done everything asked of her at home," he added. "She deserves this."

Walter Swinburn completed a 10-1 double on Summer Pageant, trained by James Fanshawe, and Michael Stoute's Sun Of Spring.

Sun Of Spring had encountered difficulties on his previous outing, being badly hampered when unplaced at York, but he never looked in danger of defeat in the Old Steine Maiden Stakes.

Always cruising, the 11-4 chance eased into the lead at the two-furlong pole and comfortably held off the long-time leader Ice Rebel's renewed challenge by a length. Anorak, the 6-5 favourite, was a short head away third.

Marketing drive in a commercial jungle



Praising the rafters: mechanics use a makeshift dinghy to haul one of the Land Rovers across a swollen river during the Camel race in north Borneo

Christopher Irvine follows the bewildering trail of the Camel Trophy, a sponsor's dream raced through the rainforests of Borneo

Sport often knows where it would be without sponsors, but where would sponsors be without sport? Making it up, for one thing. Let money and the marketing men run the entire show and you get the Camel Trophy.

"A truly last great adventure", claims the publicity blurb; a 16-day endurance challenge for 4 x 4-wheel vehicles through the rainforests of north Borneo. A mean feat indeed, so surely the pursuant 400-strong electronic army hooked up to this multi-million-dollar jamboree in the jungle cannot be wrong?

Well, yes, actually. The assembled international media corps were in fact paid to come. And they had to bear interminable witness to the excruciating equivalent, in entertainment terms, of the Alaskan ear-pulling championships, if that is not being too hard on Alaskan ears.

With the exception of Poland, Turkey and Switzerland, who cannot get enough of it — because you have to grab at any glory going in these countries, perhaps — the Camel Trophy gets the hump almost everywhere else. At first hand, it is not hard to understand why.

When the event director himself confesses that it has the crowd appeal of scuba diving, the niggling doubts begin to creep in. At least scuba diving has some visual appeal. Take 16 two-man teams from different countries, put them behind the wheel of Land Rovers, kit them out in quasi-military garb and tell them to drive — but not race each other — across 1,500 kilometres of remote, washed-out rainforest trails.

It is hard toil, but hardly thrilling, so in order to spice up proceedings, a few so-called special tasks are thrown in. The hordes of journalists turned up in heavy jungle encampments to watch such riveting feats as orienteering, winching, righting upturned vehicles and lashing together logs to traverse waters teeming, so we were are told, with poisonous snakes.

Based on these set tasks, and with points for team spirit bizarrely awarded by their fellow competitors, the United States emerged victorious in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of the East Malaysian state of Sabah, last Friday. It registered the merest of ripples on the sporting Richter scale. The deliberate blunting of competitive edge is so the organisers can go on massaging the supposed Olympian ideal about the joy of taking part. Really, it is because image must emerge the true winner, and does.

The driving force of this sometimes dangerous event is not competition but commerce. This has been alive and furiously kicking all month in this far-flung outpost of the planet, which was turned, in effect, into the world's longest catwalk for a range of brand-name adventure gear.

Companies do not, it seems, sell more boots, watches and male fragrances with the likes of Kielder Forest as the backdrop. The Camel Trophy, however, is not mere promotion by sport but a sporting vehicle for the unashamed hard sell. It is unique not just in its scale but audacity.

The event, expertly concocted and little changed in 14 years of swanning around the most exotic regions of the globe, is specially tailored to the masculine, rugged man-about-jungle perception of the merchandise. Competitors' sweat is measured by photo opportunities and lapped up for the video, the book, the fashion catalogues.

"It's big games for big boys," Iain Chapman, the event director, said. And big money, he might have added. Chapman, a canny Scot, knows the market inside out, for he is also director of special events for Global Events Marketing (GEM), the Woking-based subsidiary of Worldwide Brands, which markets the logo separately from the Camel cigarette label. This, too, has put off British television interest.

Chapman and his crew put up the shutters when it comes to the cost of this extravaganza and the quite extraordinary attendant logistical support and sophisticated publicity machines. But figures bandied about of between $12 and 14 million, which are not denied altogether, are a drop in the ocean against annual sales around 20 times that amount.

"There's nothing terribly meaningful to the event. We do it for commercial reasons," Chapman said. "But I would say that it does now have a life of its own." Not in Britain, apart from with the odd 4 x 4 freak, however.

Apart from running and managing virtually the whole event, and the use of British-made vehicles, there was no British team involved. This was no great pity but still surprising, given the latter-day Dr Livingstone-cum-Rambo nature of the event, until you learn that finance dictates who does the taking part. The British market for the adventure-wear is so comparatively poor as not to warrant a team. There are plenty of assurances for next year but few signs that the event will be seen less cynically.

As a brazenly manipulative exercise, the figures do add up in column inches, but Worldwide Brands is acutely aware that any slackening would leave it embarrassed. Few in the media village admitted they would have paid their own way, exploding the myth about the event's genuine significance.

For some, the tropical experience proved all too wearing. Several Poles, Swiss and Italians fled the searing heat, humidity and the mosquitoes after the first night under canvas at Kampong Biah. The Canary Islands press corps would have witnessed a rare piece of sporting history, Ellis Martin and Francisco Zarate doing enough to earn them the team spirit award, if only they had abandoned the poolside at the free luxury hotel.

The Malaysians, too, regarded the whole shebang warily. The entrepreneurial spirit of the local people quickly spawned imitation T-shirts and stickers. Otherwise, television did not reckon much to the footage and by the end of it, even the *Borneo Mail* grew bored and preferred its revelation about the Sabah state government banning the export of round logs.

By the finish, even the much-valued camaraderie was wearing thin. The Malaysians, Sabiamad Abdul Ahad and Jensen Loh, were no longer on speaking terms and the German pair and their huge media following cried foul over what they believed was suspect winching gear before testing of the equipment restored calm.

On a basic level of human endurance and ingenuity, there is no denying the skill and commitment of those participants who encounter and jointly overcome the perilous navigation of collapsed bridges, fast-flowing rivers and cratered tracks. And much as the bounty-hunter image is promulgated, it was heartening and perhaps inevitable that the winning team was no such thing. Tim Hensley, a geologist from Vermont, and Michael Hussey, a plumber in Oregon, derived pleasure and satisfaction from simply meeting a rare challenge.

The bottom line, of course, is something else, and their triumph in the Borneo forests should be a triumph in a very different jungle once the marketing men have finished.

And where would the sponsors be without sport? Doing it all again next year in Argentina, Chile and Paraguay. Where else?

SPORT IN BRIEF

Tadesse enhances Belgrave hopes

BELGRAVE Harriers' chances of becoming the first British athletics team to win the European men's club championship were boosted yesterday when Kassa Tadesse, the world junior half-marathon champion, obtained clearance to race in Budapest this weekend (David Powell writes). Tadesse, an Ethiopian, needed a visa to fly out with the team this morning. As one of two permitted overseas athletes, Tadesse will run for Belgrave in the 10,000 metres.

The British League champions almost had the scales balanced when a revised timetable showed the 5,000 metres scheduled for Sunday instead of Saturday, putting the participation of Paul Evans, the Olympic 10,000 metres finalist, at risk. Evans had been due to run in the 5,000 metres on Saturday and return home on Sunday. By hasty rearrangement yesterday, Evans was booked onto an outward Sunday morning flight. He will arrive at the stadium only three hours before he is due to race.

Bodies co-operate

RUGBY LEAGUE: Peace has broken out in the 20-year war between the professional and amateur authorities, who yesterday agreed to a youth development programme. The British Amateur Rugby League Association (Barla) under-18 youth leagues will from next season act as feeders for the professional clubs' Academy sides at under-19 level, with up to 22 amateur players allowed on each club's Academy register. Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League's chief executive, said: "Players too old for the Barla under-18 league will be encouraged to join an Academy side, while uncontracted players past Academy age will be referred to the amateur ranks. Loan periods will be available for non-professional Academy players to return to youth rugby."

Challenge on track

MOTOR SPORT: A proposed challenge between Formula One and IndyCars at this year's Australian grand prix in Adelaide has been approved by Bernie Ecclestone, head of Formula One racing. Mike Rann, South Australia's minister for tourism, said yesterday that Ecclestone had sent a letter supporting the contest devised by the state government a month ago. Ecclestone suggested a prize pool of £2.3 million, with the winner taking all. Organisers of the Australian IndyCar race, held at Surfers Paradise in Queensland, and William Stokkan, chairman of IndyCar's governing body, have yet to sanction the idea.

Lineker goal in vain

FOOTBALL: Gary Lineker scored his first goal for his Japanese team, Nagoya Grampus Eight, yesterday, but it was too late to save his side from a 2-1 defeat at home to Yokohama Flugels. The former England striker headed in at the far post from a corner by his Brazilian team-mate, Putinatti, in the final minute. Flugels had taken the lead through a header by Osamu Maeda after a cross from the Brazilian, Edu, in the third minute. It was Maeda's fifth goal in four games, making him the top scorer in the league. Edu added a second from the penalty spot in the sixteenth minute.

Toronto at Wembley

ICE HOCKEY: Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Rangers will play two games at Wembley Arena on September 11 and 12. It will be Toronto's first appearance outside North America. Their coach, Pat Burns, visited Sweden and the Soviet Union with his previous team, Montreal. "That was too long," he said. "But this will be just right and will be an early opportunity for the team to develop the right sort of team spirit." Toronto could visit as Stanley Cup champions. They lead Los Angeles Kings 3-2 in their best-of-seven semi-final series.

Baldato snatches win

CYCLING: Fabio Baldato needed a photo-finish to secure his sprint victory in the fourth stage of the Tour of Italy yesterday. The photo showed that Baldato, from Italy, had crossed the line just ahead of his countryman, Mario Manzoni, in the suburbs of Naples. Third place went to Endrio Leoni. The overall race leader, Moreno Argentin, also from Italy, finished in the middle of the mass sprint finish after the 111-mile stage. The world champion, Gianni Bugno, and world No 1, Miguel Indurain, of Spain, had been among the leaders until the last moments of the stage.

Gunnell returns in relay



ATHLETICS: Sally Gunnell (right) will have her first domestic outdoor race of the season in the Pearl European relays event at Portsmouth on June 5. She will lead Britain's Olympic 400 metres relay bronze medal-winning quartet in a re-match with the Russian gold medal-winners. Gunnell, the Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, said yesterday: "We have a point to prove."

Farrar hangs up boots

RUGBY LEAGUE: Andrew Farrar, the former Australia centre, has decided to retire and will not be taking up the offer of a second season with Wigan. Farrar's decision leaves Wigan with a vacancy on their overseas register. Farrar, 31, made 37 appearances last season and picked up a winner's medal in every competition except the premiership. He also had 12 years at the top in Australia with Canterbury-Bankstown and Western Suburbs, appearing in four New South Wales Rugby League grand finals. He plans to concentrate on his hotel business in Australia.

Swimming seeks talent

SWIMMING: Adrian Moorhouse yesterday launched the biggest junior development programme among Olympic sports in Britain. The Amateur Swimming Association scheme, targeting the 2000 Games, will cost £40,000 in the first year in a joint sponsorship by Mycil and Sportsmatch. The number of young swimmers selected for "Swim 2000" will rise from 456 in the first year to 744 by 1996-7. Participants and their coaches will be brought together for clinics and weekend development camps.

Merit Cup leads Maxis in Europe

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

AS HEATH Insured, the last of the British Steel Challenge yachts, closed to within 100 miles of the finish at Southampton yesterday, another fleet of yachts was setting out from Gijon, Spain bound for Cherbourg on the second stage of the UAP Round Europe race.

Pierre Felhman's Swiss Whitbread maxi, Merit Cup, which won the first 250-mile leg from La Rochelle by less than a minute from Grant Dalton's New Zealand Endeavour on Tuesday, was again the first maxi across the start, but lost the lead to Daniel Malle's Farr-designed sistership, La Poste, before the first turning mark.

Among the Whitbread 60-footers, Roger Nilson's European entry, Intrum Justitia, ran aground, but managed to wriggle clear after the crew spent ten minutes filling the yacht's ballast tanks on one side and sitting out on the main boom to heel her over. The Whitbread 60-footers proved no match for the larger maxis in the light airs that prevailed on the first stage, with the Javier de la Gandera's Spanish entry, Galicia Pescanova '93, completing the course 80 minutes after Merit Cup.

However, with stronger winds forecast for this stage, these boats may prove to have an edge, as Galicia Pescanova '93 showed yesterday by leading the entire fleet away from Gijon. The first yachts are expected to reach Cherbourg late tomorrow.

The UAP race has provided a first opportunity to compare the latest Whitbread maxi yachts, as well as the comparative performance of the new 60-foot designs. These latest lightweight water-ballasted yachts are expected to out-run the larger, heavier maxis during the three Southern Ocean stages of the Whitbread race. However, their sail area, which has been purposely limited by the race organisers, proved a disadvantage in the light going on Monday. Nevertheless, given wind, these new designs can show a clean wake to the maxis.

In Southampton, the Department of Transport is expected to question the crew of Heath Insured following the death of Bill Vincent, who fell off the yacht close to the equator three weeks ago. The skipper, Adrian Donovan, and his team will also attend the coroner's inquest into Vincent's death, to be held in Southampton tomorrow.

UAP ROUND EUROPE RACE: First stage (La Rochelle, France to Gijon, Spain). Whitbread maxi class: 1, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 1day 1hr 54min; 2, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 1:01:55; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 1:02:33. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Galicia Pescanova 93 (J de la Gandera, Sp), 1:03:14; 2, Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, Eur), 1:04:10; 3, Brookfield (G Nasta, It), 1:08:38. Open 60 class: 1, Ville de Cherbourg (H Mabire, Fr), 1:01:56; 2, Ecureuil Poitou Charentes (I Autissier, Fr), 1:02:41; 3, Bagages Superior (A Gautier, Fr), 1:05:12. Multihulls: 1, Fujicolor 2 (L Peyron, Fr), 1:10:42; 2, Harris Wilson sportswear (J Maurel, Fr), 1:11:55; 3, Primagaz (L Bourgnon, Fr), 1:12:38.

Tait and Stark head field in quest for Windsor's riches

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

BLYTH Tait, the world three-day event champion from New Zealand, and Ian Stark, the European champion, head a high-quality field for the Brittany Ferries Windsor International Horse Trials, which begin today in Windsor Great Park.

The trials, an intermediate standard event, count towards two of the richest prizes in equestrianism: the £10,000 Land Rover FEI world rider rankings, won last year by Tait, and the new £25,000 prize offered by Brittany Ferries to the rider who can win Windsor, Blenheim and the Le Lion d'Angers event in France.

The lure has tempted most of the sport's top names, including Bruce Davidson, of the United States, twice world champion and third in the inauguralrider rankings last year, Mark Todd, a dual Olympic champion, and Mary Thomson, the runner-up in the rankings last year.

Tait, who was second at Badminton on Ricochet earlier this month, and Stark, who was runner-up at Saumur on Stanwick Ghost and seventh at Punchestown last weekend on Clan Royal, are third and fifth in the rankings respectively.

Both will have their work cut out this weekend if they are to improve on those placings. Tait is riding Ra Ora, an eight-year-old former racehorse who is excellent in the cross country and show jumping phases, but not so accomplished in the dressage.

Stark is riding Dear Hardy (by Lord Nelson), a small nine-year-old gelding who has an aversion to jumping arrowheads. After two mistakes at Blair Castle last summer and another at Cornbury Park this spring, where Stark was "jumped-off", the European champion is unlikely to be trying all the quick routes in the cross country on Saturday.

Thomson, in contrast, intends to pull out all the stops with the seven-year-old King Basil, whose superb performances this spring include wins at Killerton and Ston Easton.

Thomson, who has been omitted from the long list for the European championships after King William's poor show jumping at Badminton, has had little time to dwell on her disappointment. She was runner-up at Punchestown on Star Appeal and intends to take a positive approach this weekend.



Stark: fifth in rankings

Others competing include Andrew Nicholson, a member of the New Zealand Olympic silver medal-winning team, and his compatriot, Paul O'Brien, a pupil of Tait's who rides the brilliant Kibah Medallion — the winner at Cornbury and Weston in recent months.

The British entry includes Lynne Bevan and Charlotte Hollingsworth, both of whom are long-listed for the European championships. Virginia Leng, the winner of Badminton, has withdrawn. Itaewon, the horse she had entered for Windsor, has been sold to Italy.

In addition to the international class, Windsor hosts a national competition and the British junior championships.

Poignantly, this was the last cross country course designed by Bill Thomson before his death earlier this month. Thomson was one of the most admired course designers in the sport and a bursary is to be set up in his memory. He was associated with Windsor since the European championships in 1955.

FEI WORLD RIDER RANKINGS: 1, K Lende (US), 115pts; 2, M Carsbolt (US), 111; 3, B Tait (NZ), 100; 4, B Davidson (US), 99; 5, I Stark (GB), 95; 6, V Leng (GB), 81.

Radcliffe's challenge dismissed

MARTINE Le Moignan, of England, overwhelmed Catherine Radcliffe, of Hong Kong, in the first round of the Hong Kong women's open squash championship yesterday.

Le Moignan, the world No 2, won 9-2, 9-0, 9-0 and is already looking forward to playing Michelle Martin, of Australia, the world champion, whom she is seeded to meet in the final.

The tall left-handed Le Moignan was not extended as she brushed aside Radcliffe in 17 minutes and now meets Danielle Drady, of Australia, in the second round today.

"It was very difficult for me to get psyched up," Le Moignan said. "While I would have preferred a harder first-round match in some ways, this will leave me fresher for tomorrow."

Le Moignan, 30, is determined to make up for her disappointing performance in Japan last week where she was knocked out at the quarter-final stage.

Sarah FitzGerald, of Australia, the No 8 seed, was made to work hard by Segna Macfie, an English qualifier, before winning 2-9, 2-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-5.

RESULTS: C Owens (Aus) bt M Houtarie (Holl), 9-4, 9-4, 9-7; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt S Macfie (Eng), 2-9, 2-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-5; R Macrae (Eng) bt E Pierce (US), 9-4, 9-7, 9-10, 9-0; L Irving (Aus) bt P Beams (NZ), 9-6, 10-9, 9-6; C Nitch (SA) bt B Bellamy (US), 9-1, 9-2, 9-4; H Wallace (Can) bt R Cooper (Aus), 9-3, 9-6, 9-2; D Drady (Aus) bt S Schoene (Ger), 9-7, 10-9, 9-4; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt C Radcliffe (HK), 9-2, 9-0, 9-0.

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6.00 Business Breakfast (98244)
7.00 Breakfast News (64302832)
9.05 Verdict. Should the law be changed to allow the wishes of an organ donor to override those of their relations? Last in the series (s) (4217669) **9.35 King of the Road.** Ross King and Anna Walker visit Blackpool (2922602)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5091756) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (4866756)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (62942669)
12.05 Pebble Mill presented by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (2758244)
12.45 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. A round-up of the morning's topics (s) (21452640) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (18741553)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (49805) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (70057992)
1.50 Film: Silver City (1984) starring Gosia Dobrowolska and Ivar Kants. A Polish refugee, escaping from war-ravaged Europe, arrives in Australia on board a ship carrying other displaced persons. Instead of beginning a free life she and her companions are sent to a harsh transit camp run by unfeeling bureaucrats. Directed by Sophia Turkiewicz (10768824)
3.30 Tom and Jerry's Greatest Hits (2256391) **3.50 Pingu** (r) (4577379) **3.55 Chuckdevision** (r) (s) (9206076) **4.15 Watt on Earth.** Episode four (r) (s) (9326242) **4.30 Tricks 'n' Tracks.** Magic and music show (Ceefax) (s) (2820379)
4.55 Newsround (8504114) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (4618843)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (602621). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (621)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (973). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Mark Franklin (3485)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (485)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledge stars in Roy Clarke's comedy about an indefatigable snob (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9805). Wales: Every Silver Lining



Andrew Sachs and Frances de la Tour (8.30pm)

8.30 Every Silver Lining. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (1640). Wales: *Time of My Life*
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3466)
9.30 Sylvania Waters. Continuing the fly-on-the-wall domestic drama about an unusual household living in an affluent Sydney suburb. (Ceefax) (s) (76398)
10.00 The Full Wax. The irrepressible Ruby Wax is in Spain to try to get work as an extra on the doomed soap *Eldorado* (Ceefax) (s) (48027). Northern Ireland: Spotlight
10.30 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. The guests are MPs Kenneth Clarke and Margaret Beckett, Baroness Shirley Williams and Sara Morrison, a director of GEC (53379). Northern Ireland: The Full Wax 11.00 Question Time 12.00-12.45 Law and Order
11.30 Spenser For Hire. Boston-based private detective drama series, starring Robert Urich (841398)
12.20am Weather (3664022). Ends at **12.25**
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (50751)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Einstein's Theory (9344331) **7.10** Modelling Planetary Motion (5832282) **7.35** Materials: Given Enough Rope (9350331)
8.00 Breakfast News (6657089)
8.15 Westminster (2455992)
9.00 Daytime On Two
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (12856973) **2.15 Monaco Grand Prix.** Highlights of Sunday's race in Monte Carlo (r) (8568756) **2.50 Holiday Outings.** Kathy Tayler visits Disneyworld in Florida (r) (5490282)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3465060) followed by **The Wreck of Capesa Bay** (4336832) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4643621)
4.00 Film: A Lady Takes a Chance (1943, b/w) starring John Wayne, Jean Arthur and Phil Silvers. Comedy about a tough guy rodeo rider who is swept off his feet by a New York businesswoman. Directed by William A. Seiter (3836824)
5.20 The History Man. Bryan McNerney visits Pendennis Castle (r) (8918621)
5.30 From the Edge. Topical magazine from a disabled viewpoint. (Ceefax) (350)
6.00 Film: Wild Horses (1985) *starring Kenny Rogers* and Pam Dawber. Western drama about a former rodeo rider who abandons his humdrum way of life and his family for the excitement of a wild horse round-up. Directed by Dick Lowry (58114).



Winning bidder? Robin Halward (7.30pm)

7.30 Business Matters: The Pros and the Cons. A report on the refurbished Strangeways Prison. Will the present staff, led by governor Robin Halward, continue to run it or will it go to a private contractor? (Ceefax) (s) (517)
8.00 Tales From the Map Room: The Fog of War. The series on maps continues with a look at their use during wars. (Ceefax) (s) (7447)
8.30 Top Gear. Quentin Willson straps himself into a De Tomaso Pantera (s) (9282)
9.00 The Comic Strip Presents . . . Jealousy. A comic tale of a man who has everything driven to the brink of insanity by his belief that his wife is unfaithful. Starring Peter Capaldi and Jennifer Saunders. (Ceefax) (1008)
9.30 Under the Sun: Boys from Brazil. A documentary about the influx into Mediterranean cities of "travestis" — illegal Brazilian immigrants who are *neither men nor women.* (Ceefax) (300911)
10.20 10 x 10: Beigels Already. Debbie Shuter's homage to the Jewish roll (r) (463621)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (328737)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (488843) **11.55 Weather** (194282)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the Open University's weekend programmes (6765859)
12.05am Making Medical Decisions. Advice for doctors (8498312). Ends at **12.30**

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CHOICE



Lord Hunt and Sir Edmund Hillary (C4, 9.35pm)

Every Silver Lining
BBC1, 8.30pm

A new comedy by Simon Block features Frances de la Tour and Andrew Sachs as the Silvers, a permanently bickering Jewish couple running a cafe in the East End of London. She, the dominant one, is determined to have a holiday in Jerusalem to visit their son. He is more concerned to restock his fish tank and go gambling with his Chinese pal (David Yip). That is one source of tension. The other is the Silvers' daughter, whose idea of a husband does not coincide with mum's. *Every Silver Lining* is a gentle, good-natured piece which combines elements of the *standard family sitcom (bossy wife, cringing husband, difficult offspring)* with wry Jewish jokes about putting up with life and not expecting too much from it.

Rik Mayall Presents: Briefest Encounter
ITV, 9.00pm

Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto prepares us for yet another parody of the David Lean classic with Mayall and Amanda Donohoe as the latest variants on Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson. We could not be more mistaken. Mayall plays an amorous smoothie who picks up the dark-haired temptress at a party. They repair to her place for a spot of passion, but first her dog gets in the way and then the pair find themselves in a horror film scenario which turns them into raging psychopaths. Knives are brandished, blood spurts, the lights go out and the screaming is terrible. And this is supposed to be a comedy. Peter Learmouth wrote the script but it is miles from the innocuous humour of his sitcom, *Surgical Spirit.*

True Stories: Return to Everest
Channel 4, 9.35pm

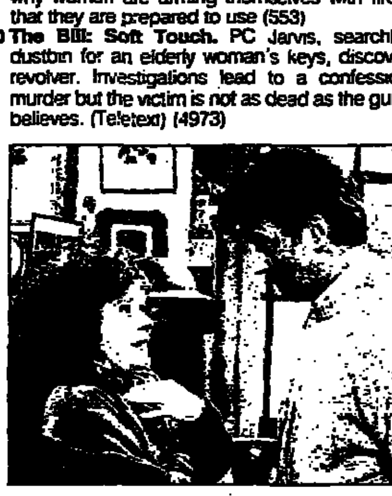
Lord Hunt, Sir Edmund Hillary and other, less renowned, members of the team which conquered Everest 40 years ago return to the scene of their triumph. It is a genial old boys' reunion which adds nothing to the substance of the story but provides an affectionate memoir of it. Hillary's assertion that he just wanted to climb a mountain and was astonished at the public and media attention sounds a shade naive, but these were different times. Everest was still a challenge and Hunt, Hillary and company were pioneers. Hillary is appalled by the state of the mountain now, covered with people, tents and associated junk and is glad that they climbed it when they did, before the money men took over.

Up the Garden Path
ITV, 8.30pm

Imelda Staunton returns as Izzie, the not-so-young and still unattached schoolteacher, who longs to settle down with a sensible, mature and intelligent man and never quite manages to find one. If she did, of course, the series would have to come to an abrupt halt. The joke is that she must keep on looking and is invariably disappointed as the man of her dreams turns out to be married, a rotter or otherwise unsuitable. One friend rubs it in by showing off her new baby, another by asking Izzie to help mend fences with her erratic husband. It is a predictable formula, which allows for few surprises, but Sue Limb's likeable scripts and a bubbling performance by the excellent Staunton help to keep it fresh. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6692756)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game (1224973) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4842176)
10.00 Out Of This World. American comedy series about a schoolgirl with an alien father (r) (s) (13992)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (62928089)
12.10 The Riddlers. For children (r) (3779553)
12.30 *ITN Lunchtime News* with *Nicholas Owen and* Sonia Ruseler (Teletext) Weather (8825669) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (75478485)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (455896) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (805337)
2.15 Simply the Best. Kit Chapman admires the sight and the smells in the herb garden of Congham Hall, a country house hotel near King's Lynn, Norfolk (455076) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama serial (5677447)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3483466) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3482737) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (8591973)
3.50 Garfield and Friends (r) (6856355) **4.15 The Pig Attraction.** *Puppet series (s) (601621)* **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (2803602)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4602282)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (229447)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes a report on the financial pressures being placed on local councils to cut back on daycare and playscheme provision for children during the summer holidays (59621)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (8553)
7.30 3D. Three current affairs stories, introduced by Julia Somerville. Includes one from the United States on why women are arming themselves with firearms that they are prepared to use (553)
8.00 The Bill: Soft Touch. PC Jarvis, searching a dustbin for an elderly woman's keys, discovers a revolver. Investigations lead to a confession of murder but the victim is not as dead as the gunman believes. (Teletext) (4973)

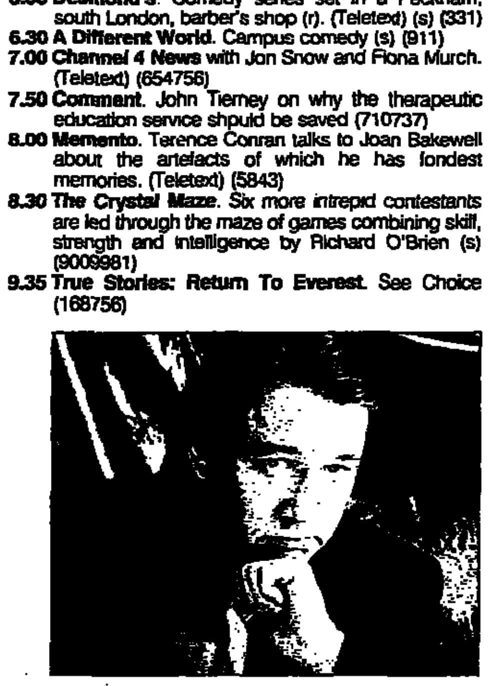


Imelda Staunton and Neil McCaul (8.30pm)

8.30 Up the Garden Path. Izzy chases more men including Bill (Neil McCaul). (Teletext) (s). See Choice (3008)
9.00 Rik Mayall Presents: Briefest Encounter. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (6447)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (33195) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (186843)
10.40 The Frost Programme. Is class still a factor in Major's Britain? With guests Sir Bernard Ingham, Christopher Hitchens, Alan Bates and Minette Marin (s) (440398)
11.40 Raw Soup. Magazine and debate (s) (556718)
12.40 Street Legal. Drama series set in the offices of a law firm (4583409)
1.35 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (6210374) **2.00 Donahue.** Phil Donahue's guests are six sisters who have all decided to have the same cosmetic surgery (35225)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (52119)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (63374)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (56867)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (26206)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (46409)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (64805)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon series about a quarrelsome cat and dog (8966060)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. The guests include Phil Collins (62756)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (10244)
***9.30 Schools** (728195)*
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with details of business from both Houses on the last day before the Whitsun recess (30008)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series. The guest is actress Tyne Daly (r) (18517)
1.30 Take 5. Cartoons (71843)
2.00 Film: Lydia (1941, b/w) starring Merle Oberon and Joseph Cotten. Sentimental tale of an elderly woman who meets the former men in her life and reminisces about their courtship. Directed by Julien Duvivier (863379)
3.45 Starlore. A Faith Hubley animation about old American sky myths (4648176)
3.55 The Island that Came Back to Life. A *Survival documentary about how the wildlife adapted to the reappearance of humans on the island of St Kilda after a gap of 60 years (r)* (2849398)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock out quiz. The question-master is William G. Stewart (466)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. An investigation into whether American families can live without television, videos and game consoles. (Teletext) (s) (7407008)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's entertainment, narrated by Nigel Planer (455718)
6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's shop (r). (Teletext) (s) (331)
6.30 A Different World. Campus comedy (s) (911)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Fiona Murch. (Teletext) (654756)
7.50 Comment. John Tierney on why the therapeutic education service should be saved (710737)
8.00 Memento. Terence Conran talks to Joan Bakewell about the artefacts of which he has fondest memories. (Teletext) (5843)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. *Six more intrepid contestants are led through the maze of games combining skill, strength and intelligence by* Richard O'Brien (s) (9009981)
9.35 True Stories: Return To Everest. See Choice (168756)



Irreverent funny man: Bill Hicks (10.35pm)

10.35 Bill Hicks — "Revelations". The American stand-up comedian on stage at London's Dominion Theatre (449669)
11.35 The Jazz Package (b/w). With Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson and Louis Armstrong (323602)
12.10am Film: Seahouses (1991). A black comedy from the *First Frame* season about a young woman who sets out to exact revenge on the Northumberland chip shop owner who blinded her. Starring Zoe Heyes (7861206)
12.35 Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's documentary on how aid is going astray in Romania (4593886)
1.25 The Steve Allen Show (b/w). The guests are Phil Harris and Ginger Rogers (1622461). Ends at **1.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8591973) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4602282) **6.00** Home and Away (738553) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (974737) **10.40** Go Fishing (660114) **11.10** Wideangle (514602) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (816602) **12.35** Wrestling (1373461) **1.15** America's Top Ten (95393) **1.45** Film: Passport to Shame (684428) **3.25** Stage 2 (7879799) **4.30** Riviera (53848) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (26206)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 *Magic Wok* (5677447) **3.20-3.50** GP (8591973) **5.00** Lookaround (319) **5.30-7.00** Blockbusters (669) **10.40** Talking Pictures (660114) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (571992) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (8473461) **12.35** Wrestling (1373461) **1.15** America's Top Ten (95393) **1.45** Film: Passport to Shame (684428) **3.25** Stage 2 (7879799) **4.30** Riviera (53848) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (26206)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (455896) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (805337) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8591973) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (4602282) **6.00** Home and Away (738553) **6.25-7.00** Central News (713244) **10.40** Central Lobby (660114) **11.10** Married ..with Children (514602) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (327398) **12.10** Hollywood Report (8472374) **12.40** The Little Picture Show (9850515) **1.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7476408) **2.10** America's Top Ten (9590799) **2.40** Raw Power (9254461) **3.40** Quiz Night (37275480) **4.10-5.20** Jobfinder (3137931)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (455896) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (805337) **5.10-5.40** Survival (4602282) **6.00** Home and Away (319) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (669) **10.40** Families (427447) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (557447) **12.35** Wrestling (1373461) **1.15** America's Top Ten (95393) **1.45** Film: Passport to Shame (684428) **3.25** Stage 2 (7879799) **4.30** Riviera (53848) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (26206)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (805337) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8591973) **6.00** HTV News (319) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbours Show (669) **10.40** *The West This Week* (311447) **11.25** *HTV* Weekend Outlook (400060) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (816602) **12.35** Wrestling (1373461) **1.15** America's Top Ten (95393) **1.45** Film: Passport To Shame (684428) **3.25** Stage 2 (7879799) **4.30** Riviera (53848) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (26206)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00** Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 The Really Helpful Programme **10.40** Living Proof **11.10** Weekend Ahead! **11.25** Wales and Westminster **11.55-12.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8591973) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (319) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (669) **10.40** The Pier (607756) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (577176) **12.15** War of the Worlds (690751) **1.15-1.35** Night Bites (6958454) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (26206)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8591973) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (620379) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (669) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (311447) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (576447) **12.20** Film: In the Glitter Palace (508848) **2.05** America's Top Ten (9591428) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4138683) **3.05** Film: Will Any Gentleman? (422461) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (4711409)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (59621) **10.40** Counterpoint (660114) **11.10** RPM Motorsport (514602) **11.40** Miller and Mueller (816602) **12.35** Wrestling (1373461) **1.15** America's Top Ten (95393) *1.45 Film: Passport to Shame* (684428) **3.25** Stage 2 (7879799) **4.30** Riviera (53848) *5.00-5.30 Jobfinder (26206)*

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (805337) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8591973) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (59621) **10.40** Ambulance! (660114) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (571992) **12.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (7863664) **12.35** Wrestling (1373461) **1.15** America's Top Ten (95393) **1.45** Film: Passport to Shame

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55 Calendar (620379) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (669) **10.40** Edit V (311447) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (576447) **12.20** Film: In the Glitter Palace (508848) **2.05** America's Top Ten (9591428) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4138683)

S4C
Starts: 9.30 Ysgolion (728195) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (30008) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (49244) **1.00** Sesame Street (77027) **2.00** Eat Your Greens (2379) **2.30** Film: Springtime in the Rockies (58265756) **4.05** The Three Stooges (3446084) **4.25** Slot 23 (7418331) **5.00** Fifteen To One (6331) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (718) **6.00** Newyddion (172873) **6.10** Heno (111440) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6195) **7.30** O'r Fedwen I'r Fari (195) **8.00** Dyma'r Cynghorwyr (5843) **8.30** Newyddion (226466) **8.55** Pentre Mud (268534) **9.50** Film: Forbidden Planet (715244) **11.40** Street Legal (318640) **12.10** *Surgical Spirit*

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (48858027) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4835534) **9.10** Cartoons (6899379) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (94718) **10.00** Card Sharks (6488669) **10.25** Concentration (3218447) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9442992) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (94244) **11.30** Falcon Crest (67718) **12.30pm** E Street (96534) **1.00** Another World (6963485) **1.45** Santa Barbara (613331) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (399534) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (634824) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (9730404) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8718) **6.00** Games World (5350) **6.30** E Street (6602) **7.00** Rescue (9447) **7.30** Family Ties (5114) **8.00** Melrose Place (36718) **9.00** Chances (49282) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (59669) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (84992) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (75805) **6.30** News and Business Report (399992) **9.30** Nightline (89640) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (54466) **11.30** Business Report (58080) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (58282) **1.30** Good Morning America (59911) **2.30** Parliament Live (4648331) **3.15** Parliament Live (9268027) *4.30 News and Business Report* (2027) **5.00** Live at Five (55602) **6.30** News and Business Report (91114) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (3756) **8.00** World News Hour (998992) **10.30** Nightline (79331) **11.30** ABC World News Tonight (49602) **12.30** *Financial Times* Reports (75645) **1.30** ABC News (88138) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (83598) **3.30** ABC News (88041) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (97138) **5.30** ABC News (60003)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5234553)
10.00 Krull (1983): Fantasy about a prince's quest (88199008)
12.10pm Oh God! (1977): Comedy with George Burns as the Supreme Being (186843)
2.00 Echoes of a Summer (1976): Jodie Foster as an 11-year-old dying of heart disease (33821)
4.00 Aces High (1976): Drama about a fighter pilot (Peter Firth) (33262737)
5.50 Krull (as 10am) (72772027)
8.00 Father (1991): Max Von Sydow stars as a man accused of war crimes (30643114)
10.10 Heathers (1989): Black comedy about teenage life. With Winona Ryder (397263)
11.55 Neon City (1991): Futuristic action set in a post-nuclear age (448756)
1.45 Mack the Knife (1989): Raul Julia in an adaptation of *The Threepenny Opera* (15667409)
4.00 He Said, She Said (1991): Romantic comedy with Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth Perkins (22041). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Raid on Rommel (1971): Second world war adventure with Richard Burton (11447)
8.00 The Blues Brothers (1980): Comedy with John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd (86788485)
10.10 The First Deadly Sin (1980): Thriller with Frank Sinatra as a New York cop (953718). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Wives and Lovers (1963): Comedy about infidelity with Val Johnson (11805)
8.00 The Little Marines (1990): Three young teenagers team up for a camping trip in the wilds (52805)
10.00 Brides of Dracula (1960): David Peel is the bloodsucker opposite Peter Cushing's Van Helsing (36877447)
11.50 The Joker is Wild (1957): Oscar-winning drama with Frank Sinatra as nightclub performer, Joe E. Lewis (63991992)
2.00pm Impromptu (1990): Period piece about George Sand's relationship with Chopin (31263)
4.00 The Little Marines (as 8am) (4992)
6.00 Ivory Hunters (1990): John Lithgow stars in an African adventure (51027)
8.00 Almost an Angel (1990): Paul Hogan as a thief who thinks he is an angel (23244)
10.00 Puppetmaster III: Toulon's Revenge (1991). Horror about devilish killer dolls (4019553)
11.25 Julia & Julia (1987): Kathleen Turner plays a woman who finds herself living two separate lives (914089)
1.05am Cold Justice (1990): Dennis Waterman as a Chicago priest (330935)
2.50 Paris Trout (1990): A business man (Dennis Hopper) guns down a woman and her daughter (207954)
4.25 French Postcards (1979): Romantic adventures of college students in France (3380645). Ends at **5.55am**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (89244) **7.00** Windsurfing (33282) **7.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power (29089) **8.00** The Footballers' Football Show (13640) **9.00** Morning Stretch (40008) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (77640) **10.00** Motor World (60404) **10.30** Watersports World (98466) **11.30** Thomas Uber Cup Badminton (25756) **12.30pm** Ringside (12553) **2.30** Premier League Football Special (415878) **5.30** World Federation Wrestling (34331) **6.30** Race For Heroes (8602) **7.00** F1 Grand Prix (78718) **8.00** British Motor Sport (87466) **9.00** US PGA Golf (80553) **11.00** Race For Heroes (51553) **11.30** Tennis (23468) **1.30-2.30am** British Motor Sport (37136)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (47485) **8.00** Football (94805) **10.00** Tennis: French Open (6780282) **7.00pm** News (9843) **7.30** Ice Hockey (58911) **9.00** Tennis: French Open (92398) **10.00** Football (95485) **11.00** Motor Racing Grand Prix Magazine (44398) **12.00** News (38428)

UK GOLD
7.00am Bravestarr (4978783) **7.30** Neighbours (1926468) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8669805) **8.30** EastEnders (8688176) **9.00** The Bill (8682756) **9.30** The Onedin Line (8094089) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (1347466) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6967195) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8662992) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2550621) **1.00** EastEnders (5328224) **1.30** The Bill (2559992) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4781805) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (4150114) **3.00** Dallas (6981911) **4.00** Dynasty (6957718) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4785485) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (4121602) **6.00** Neighbours (4151843) **6.30** The Onedin Line (8349008) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (4148379) **8.00** EastEnders (4781669) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (4760176) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (4467973) **10.00** The Bill (8663621) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (9236350) **11.30** Dr Who (1192263) **12.00** Film: The Bigamist (1953). A salesman marries two women (3770954) **1.30-2.00am** Video Bites (5770577)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (38824) **7.00** Ratkan II (94992) **9.00** Jack in the Box (84027) **11.00** Stories without Words (55094) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (52963) **12.00** Secret Valley (38355) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (16553) **2.00** Stories Without Words (1783) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (3553) **3.00** Babar (4587805) **3.25** RatKan II (98037973) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (4553) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (4669) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (38319)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Learning through Life: Education and employment
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air,** with Piers Burton-Page including: Gibbons (This is the record of John: Scholar Cantorum Basiliensis); Bliss (Rout: Nash Ensemble); Haydn (Symphony No 74 in E flat: Hanover band); Liszt (Les Preludes: Rotterdam PO under James Conlon)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn — The Final Harvest. Piano Trio in E, H XV 28 (Beaux Arts Trio); Saper vorrei, Guarda qui (Kathleen *Livingstone, soprano, Neil* Mackie, tenor, John Blakely, piano); Spring, The Seasons (Monteverdi Choir: English Baroque Soloists with Barbara Bonney, soprano, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, Andreas Schmidt, bass)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: John Rockwell, *New York Times* music critic, remembers "Go to the Mirror" by The Who
10.10 Morning Sequence: Milhaud (Sonatine: William Bennett, flute; Clifford Benson, piano); Milhaud (Le boeuf sur le toit: Ulster Orchestra under Yan *Pascal* Tortelier); Gershwin (Three Preludes: Clifford Benson, piano); Dohnanyi (Passacaglia: William Bennett, flute); Martinu (Canzona No 1, 1946: National Orchestra of France under James Conlon, with Jean François Heisser, piano); Copland *(Duo for flute* and piano: William Bennett, flute; Clifford Benson, piano); Copland (Appalachian Spring: Boston Symphony Orchestra)
12.00 Russian Duos (r). **1.00 News**
1.05 BBC Scottish SO: Mussorgsky (St John's Night on the Bare Mountain); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor)
2.05 Debut Florent Schmitt (Andantino); Elizabeth Maconchy (Fantasia); Poulenc (Clarinet Sonata)
2.40 Der Kreidekreis (The Chalk Circle). Zemlinsky's opera of 1933 tells the Chinese story of two women trying to prove which of them is a child's mother. Berlin Radio SO; sung in German
5.00 In Tune: Music, news and arts
7.30 Spirit of the Earth: New series of concerts from last year's Birmingham and London festival. Includes Sister Keyrouz performing chants from the Lebanon and Jewish Yemenite Diwan Ensemble singing psalms and holy songs. In the interval at **8.20** a *talk on the musical history of* the Lebanon
9.35 1988 Season: Armies of the Night, by Norman Mailer (3/4)
9.55 English Chamber Orchestra: Holst (Brook Green Suite); Grainger (Green Bushes).
10.15 Groovin' High (r).
10.45 Night Waves: Alison Lurie, the American author, talks to Peggy Reynolds
11.30 Songs from Middle Europe: Tomasek (Goethe Songs); Dvořák (Love Songs, Op 83: Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, Ian Brown, piano); Suk (Meditation on an old Czech chorale, St Wenceslas: Delmé Quartet); Foerster (Three Songs, Op 85); Dvořák (Four Songs, Op 73: Jill Gomez, soprano, Ian Brown, piano)
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r).
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in *Scotland* — as 9.00-10.00am on Radio 5)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra: Satellites français (13-16)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** *Weather* **6.10** *Farming Today* **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite
9.30 Never the Same Again: See Choice
10.00-10.30 News; Rent (FM only): By Lucy Flannery. With Barbara Flynn and Patrick Barlow
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible: From Genesis to Revelation (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. Mairead Devlin reports on the growing phenomenon of men walking out on their wives and children. Incl **11.00** *News*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00pm You and Yours: Reasonable Doubt. Part 4: Justice and Journalism. How media coverage of crimes and courtroom dramas can prejudice trials
12.25 Out of Order: Two teams compete in a test of political knowledge **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
***2.00 News; Hero,** by Roderick* Graham. With David Richard-Fox and Jane Whittenshaw
3.00-4.00 News; Bus Stop (FM only): Jenni Mills and Andrew Jennings continue their tour of the country finding out about the local issues which get people angry
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Reviews of the English Shakespeare Company's production of *Romeo and Juliet,* and a new poetry anthology. Presented by Paul Allen
4.45 Short Story: The Valentine Place, by Alun Richards. Read by David Garfield
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Masterson Inheritance: Final part of the improvised *historical saga. With* Josie Lawrence, Paul Merton, Phelim McDermott, Caroline Quentin, Lee Simpson and Jim Sweeney
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Radio Lives. Part 1: Sir Hugh Greene — A Great DG? See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Monarchs to Measure. Opinion polls indicate that the British public wants the monarchy to continue, but in a more democratic form. Anthony King considers how far Britain's *oldest institution needs to re-*invent itself to survive the next century
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? With Ted Harrison. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Caroline Bayley **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Heather Blazing (9/10)
11.00 Sad Cypress: Agatha Christie's novel in five parts. With John Moffatt and Emma Fielding (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Never The Same Again. *Radio 4, 9.30am.*
Mike, a manager in the construction industry, had his life changed for good when he broke his neck in a car accident. Jenni Mills, in the third of her series about family crises, takes him gently through the trauma of his subsequent treatment, his meeting with physiotherapist Debbie and the relationship that developed. And although he remains confined to a wheelchair, Mike became the father last year of a baby boy. *Debbi's pregnancy* and his own selection for the Great Britain wheelchair rugby team, changed Mike's outlook on life. "It has its problems, but I enjoy it," he says. "I've been given a second chance." A moving piece of radio.

Radio Lives. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
Who better to begin with in this new series of portraits of distinguished radio people than Sir Hugh Greene, the great innovator during his director generalship of the BBC in the 1960s? The son of a schoolmaster and brother of novelist Graham, Sir Hugh set in train a flood of new ideas. Another former DG, Alasdair Milne, takes a long, hard look at his predecessor. **Kenneth Gosling**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** *Newsbeat* **12.45** *Jakki Brambles* **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Dance Energy **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00am** Bob Harris

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools: Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together: An Assembly for Schools; **9.35** Listening and Reading 3; **9.45** The Song Tree; **10.00** In the News **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Garden Centre **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.00** Sportsdesk **7.15** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Short, Fat, Ugly and Chinese **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press *Review in German* **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** I Always Take Long Walks **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Handmaid's Tale **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** *News in French* **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Classic Recordings **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seven Seas **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** I Always Take Long Walks **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

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6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Valentini (Concerto in A Minor, Op 9 No 11) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Classic Travel Guide **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Chamber Orchestra of Europe performs Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme); Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in Bb major) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Alan Mann

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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Gilbert delights Paris crowd with victory over fourth seed

Becker's feet of clay exposed



Court of appeal: Becker disputes a line-call on his way to defeat by Rodolphe Gilbert in the second round of the French Open yesterday

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS

THE Parisians are discovering new tennis heroes by the day here. On Tuesday they rose to Stephane Huet, a novice who knocked the seventh seed, Ivan Lendl, out of the French Open. Yesterday, they stood to applaud Rodolphe Gilbert, who removed Boris Becker, the fourth seed, in the second round.

Gilbert played the game of his life. Inspired by the feats of Huet, he seized the few chances that came his way and completed a 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 victory before the heavens temporarily opened, as if to wash away the last vestiges of Becker's wretched season on European clay.

He has travelled to Nice, Monte Carlo, Madrid, Hamburg and Rome without progressing beyond the third round. The blame had to rest somewhere and last week he laid it implicitly on the shoulders of his coach, Gunther Bresnik. They parted company.

"The season got off to a bad start because I had the wrong training and then I played five tournaments in a row when I needed a week off. That is why I didn't play well," Becker said yesterday. Since Bresnik's departure, Eric Jelen, Becker's compatriot, has accepted his invitation to take over coaching duties.

Yet there were no signs of improvement. Becker committed 43 unforced errors, most of them on the backhand, and chose on this occasion to blame his racket. He shook it, yelled at it, threw it up in the air and, at one stage, attempted to put his foot through it.

When he was left flat-footed by the second of successive and exquisitely precise lobs, he turned and offered the racket to the linesmen, the ball boys and the spectators. Plainly, he could sense that there was nothing more he alone could do to stop another Parisian from making the news.

Gilbert's most memorable triumph had been over Pete Sampras in a comparatively trivial tournament in Key Biscayne a couple of years ago. This surpassed that by far. "Clay is not his [Becker's] best surface," he conceded, "and if I had beaten him at Wimbledon, that would have been incredible.

"But he has reached the semi-final here three times, in 1987, 1989 and 1991, and he is not the world No 4 for nothing." The key, both he and Becker agreed, was the conclusion of the first set. The 25-year-old German missed four break points. The 24-year-old Frenchman had only one and took it.

Holding his nerve and his serve throughout, Gilbert went through and will meet Ctislav Dosedal, the conquerer of Jeremy Bates, in the third round. Gilbert, who started his sporting career as a goalkeeper at Paris Saint-Germain, celebrated by watching Marseilles on television in the European Cup final last night.

Becker promptly left Paris to prepare for the grass on which he usually excels. "I am happy to be playing at Queen's and on my best surface," he said. He was accompanied by his new coach, who fits the necessary requirements. Applicants need to have played professionally for at least a decade.

"I need somebody who knows my good and my bad shots," Becker added, "but I need somebody more to kick my behind." Psychology, in the light of comments uttered previously on the subject by Steffi Graf and Jennifer Capriati, is becoming a recurring theme.

Not so surprises, apart from the heroic deeds of the two locals, Goran Ivanisevic, Richard Krajicek, Michael Stich and Jim Courier all breezed through their second-round matches in straight sets. Karel Novacek, who was scheduled to meet Becker in the last eight, survived as well, as did Thomas Muster.

Michael Chang, who became the youngest winner of a grand slam tournament when he triumphed here in 1989 at the age of 17 years and three months, was less convincing yesterday. His duel with Bernd Karbacher, of Germany, was interrupted after Chang had won the first set by a convincing 6-1 margin, then dropped the second and third. The match was halted amid gathering gloom early in the fourth.

The women continue to follow a more predictable course. None of the seeds in the top half of the draw was extended except for Anke Huber, of Germany. She was taken to a tight third set by Lori McNeil.

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Derbyshire reach semi-finals in death by bowl-out

BY JACK BAILEY

IN SPITE of their reluctance to take part in a shoot-out, Derbyshire emerged victors by six hits on the stumps to three by Somerset.

Thus they go forward to the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup, where they meet Northamptonshire, in circumstances as unsatisfactory in general as they were shattering for Somerset.

There was no great last-second drama. Five bowlers a side bowled two balls each at three unguarded stumps. But only four of Somerset's players were required.

By the time it came to the turn of Mushtaq to bowl his two balls for Somerset, Derbyshire had established a lead of six hits out of ten balls bowled against the home team's tally of three out of eight.

In practice, he had used his natural right-arm and his left with equal and accurate effect, but now it was all to no avail.

Only Adams, bowling second for Derbyshire, had a 100 per cent record in the nerve-racking conditions surrounding the immense importance of the outcome to both clubs.

His two hits created a gap between the scores and when Hayhurst, bowling third for Somerset, missed with both his attempts, it was a gap too wide to be bridged.

Kim Barnett had in mind Derbyshire's own defeat in similar circumstances at the hands of Hertfordshire in the first Natwest Trophy round of 1991 when he said: "We know what it's like to lose that way. When the rain stopped I was prepared to play a ten-over match. But Chris Tavaré was not keen on fewer than 20 overs a side.

"The umpires said the ground was unfit and that was that. I kept missing the stumps in practice, but I took part, thinking my luck was bound to change." In fact, Barnett did his share by hitting the stumps with one of his two attempts.

For Somerset it was a gloomy day all round. Everyone had worked desperately hard to get the ground fit for some sort of match. For Peter Anderson, their chief executive, as hard-working as anyone over the last two days, there was the thought that a win would have netted more than £20,000 for Somerset from a home semi-final, quite apart from the glory.

He will be proposing that alternative arrangements be made for the competition next year. He will also be in touch with the Derbyshire captain at the earliest opportunity.

The bowling contest as a matter of settling a limited over match in serious competition has been employed twice before: the Derbyshire v Hertfordshire match in 1991 and Surrey's defeat of Oxfordshire on the same day.

Nobody could be happy that a match of such importance should be decided in such a way, but at least an element of skill is involved. Before the introduction of the bowl-out a toss of the coin decided the issue.

Now that the four-day championship format is in force, blank Tuesdays and Wednesdays frequently occur. If both teams taking part are free the following week, it seems possible that one of those days could be used effectively to avoid the disappointment of a day such as this.

Bowl-out details

SOMERSET: A R Caddick, Mushtaq Ahmed, H R J Trump, M N Lathwell, A N Hayhurst

DERBYSHIRE: K J Barnett, P D Bowler, C J Adams, D G Cork, M J Vandrau.

SEQUENCE: Vandrau: hit, miss (score: Somerset 0, Derbyshire 1). Trump: hit, miss (1-1). Adams: hit, hit (1-3). Lathwell: hit, miss (2-3). Barnett: hit, miss (2-4) Hayhurst: miss, miss (2-4). Cork: miss, hit (2-5). Caddick: miss, hit (3-5). Bowler: miss, hit (3-6). Mushtaq did not bowl. Derbyshire beat Somerset by six hits to three.



Bowler: winning ball

Welsh clubs hit by Uefa ruling

BY KEITH PIKE

A SEASON of unexpected success for Wales at international and club level ended in turmoil yesterday after a Uefa ruling that effectively precludes Cardiff City, Swansea City and Wrexham from European competition after next season.

Cardiff gained entry into next season's Cup Winners' Cup by winning the Welsh Cup but European football's governing body said yesterday that, from the end of the 1993-4 season, only clubs competing in the Konica League of Wales would be eligible to qualify for Europe by that route.

With the "big three" affiliated to the Football Association of Wales and unable to earn places in Europe through the FA Cup or Premier League, the decision will cut the financial lifeline they cling to.

Since 1960, Cardiff (12 times), Wrexham (seven) and Swansea (six) have enjoyed brief but highly profitable excursions into the Cup Winners' Cup, in which even first-round losers can now expect to make around £100,000 in prize-money, television fees and increased attendances. The cash has proved crucial to their survival, as it also did when Merthyr Tydfil, who play in the GM Vauxhall Conference, took part in the 1987-8 competition.

It is almost unthinkable that the "big three" would quit the Football League. Their most likely course is to apply for affiliation to the English FA and seek to have a second team, with its own administration and players, affiliated to the FA of Wales and admitted to the Konica League. Rick Wright, the Cardiff owner, said he had had preliminary discussions with Swansea yesterday and that "they have a similar opinion".

The FA of Wales, though, is known not to favour such an arrangement and if it rejects the proposal, the clubs would be left without a route into European competition. "It would be a breach of European law and I would take the necessary action," Wright said. "We would be left with no alternatives."

Alun Evans, secretary of the FA of Wales, said he was "concerned" about Uefa's decision and would be talking to the clubs affected before deciding whether to appeal. They have 30 days in which to make a protest. "This is a tremendous blow to these clubs who have served Welsh football so very well for many years," he said. "It is certainly not what we had in mind when we started the Konica League of Wales last season."

The Uefa club competitions committee, meeting in Munich, also announced that Inter-Cardiff, who finished runners-up to Cwmbran Town in the Konica League's inaugural season, would not, after all, be granted a place in the Uefa Cup. The pressure on Uefa to accommodate the many new national football associations has prompted them to "freeze" the entry at 64 clubs next season.

Evans said: "I understand Uefa's difficulties but, in the season after next, there could be three Konica League teams in European competition for the first time so, for Welsh domestic football, it would be a boon."

Mansell urged to curb aggression

MICHAEL Andretti, the former IndyCar series world champion, yesterday warned Nigel Mansell that he must curb his natural aggression if he is to succeed in the Indianapolis 500 race on Sunday (Oliver Holt writes).

Andretti led last year's 200-lap contest from the start until 11 laps from the end, when his dream of winning America's most famous race was destroyed by mechanical problems.

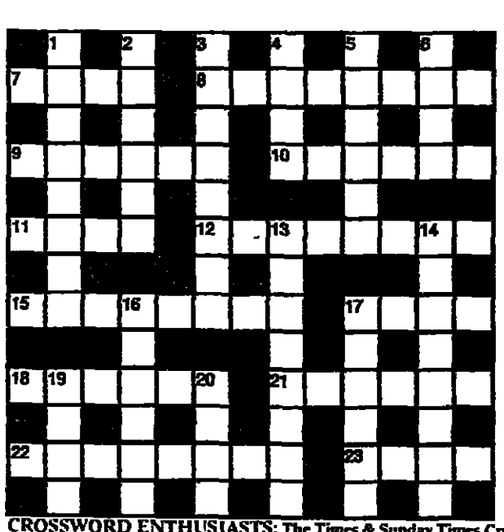
He has struggled to adapt to the differing demands of Formula One since joining McLaren this season and draws parallels between his difficulties and the problems Mansell is having adapting to the forbidding oval tracks.

In April, Mansell, the Formula One world champion, crashed into the wall at the Phoenix International Raceway during practice for his first oval test and was forced to miss the race. He required an operation after sustaining back injuries.

The Briton could only qualify in eighth place for the Indianapolis race. "I have had to cool down my aggression a little bit to try to get a few races under my belt," Andretti said. "Nigel needs to do the same. He has to back off a little.

"I think he learned a lot of what Indy is about during his rookie test and qualifying. He did a lot of complaining about how conditions on the track were changing from lap to lap, but that is what it is all about there."

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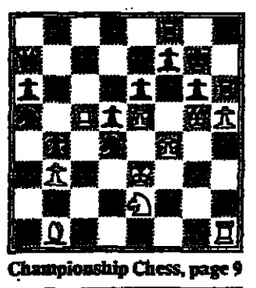
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game S.Polgar — Dresen, Biel 1987. White has a tremendous attack on the kingside, but is being distracted by a black counter in the centre. How did she deal with this?



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

THEAVE
a. The eaves of thatch
b. A maiden ewe
c. Stairway to a crypt

UGGING
a. Dread or fear
b. A Suffolk May orgy
c. Collier's ballast

DINOCERAS
a. A fish-eating oyster
b. A kind of dinosaur
c. A Minoan coin made of horn

EPHEMERIS
a. The May fly
b. A harness shoulder-strap
c. A diary

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